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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations in New-England in *A M E R I C A*, begun and held at Scituate-Kingstown within and for said Colony, on the last Wednesday in October, in the Twenty first Year of the Reign of his most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE the Second*, by the Grace of *G O D*, King of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*Present.*

The honorable *William Robinson Esq*; *Deputy Governor.*

<i>Benjamin Hazard Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>	<i>Benjamin Tucker Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>
<i>George Wanton Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>	<i>Ephraim Gardner Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>
<i>William Rhodes Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>	<i>Jeremiah Niles Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>
<i>Jonathan Rendall Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>	<i>William Richmond Esq</i> ; <i>Assist.</i>

The *Secretary.*

Deputies of the several Towns.

**Newport**, Mr. *Thomas Wickham*, Captain *Walter Chaloner*, Mr. *Thomas Cranston*, Mr. *John Channing*,  
**Providence**, *Daniel Jenks, Esq*; Colonel *William Hopkins*, Mr. *John Potter jun.* Mr. *Peleg Williams jun.*  
**Portsmouth**, Mr. *John Allen*, Mr. *Jonathan Freeborn*, Mr. *Thomas Shearman*, Mr. *William Earl*.  
**Warwick**, Major *James Arnold*, Colonel *Benoni Waterman*, Mr. *Samuel Greene*, Mr. *Joseph Lippit*.  
**Westerly**, Major *William Pendleton*  
**New-Shorham**, None.  
**North-Kingstown**, Mr. *John Congdon*, Mr. *John Spink*.  
**South Kingstown**, Capt. *Robert Hazard*, Colonel *Thomas Hazard*.  
**East Greenwich**, Mr. *Giles Pearce*, Capt. *Thomas Spencer*.  
**Jamestown**, Mr. *John Martin*.  
**Smithfield**, Mr. *Jonathan Arnold*.  
**Scituate**, Captain *Job Rendall*, Mr. *John Fisk*.  
**Glocester**, Captain *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Abner Bartlet*.  
**Charlestown**, Colonel *Joseph Stanton*, Mr. *James Congdon*.  
**West-Greenwich**, Captain *Ithmael Spink*, Captain *Charles Carr*.  
**Coventry**, Captain *Abel Potter*, Mr. *George Hall*.  
**Exeter**, Mr. *Job Tripp*.  
**Middle-Town**, Mr. *Daniel Gould*, Mr. *John Taylor*.  
**Bristol**, Captain *Jonathan Peck*.  
**Tiverton**, Mr. *Edward Wanton*.  
**Little-Compton**, Mr. *William Hall*, Mr. *Joseph Wood*.  
**Warren**, Captain *Benjamin Barton*, Captain *Matthew Allen*.  
**Cumberland**, Mr. *Job Bartlet*, Mr. *Israel Whipple*.  
**Richmond**, Captain *Richard Bayley*, Mr. *John Webster*.

*The honorable Daniel Jenks Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and Mr. *Josias Lyndon* Clerk of the House of Deputies.

His Honor the Governor is hereby Requested, to write to *Richard Partridge Esq*; the Colony's Agent in Great Britain, and desire that Gentleman to send him over all his Accounts with the Colony, and the Particulars of them, during the Time he has been in the Colony's Service.

Mess. *Benjamin Hizard, Thomas Cramton, and John Channing*, being appointed to receive of *Jonathan Nichols Esq*; who was late one of the Grand Committee, and acted as their Treasurer, all the Colony's Money in his Hands, that hath been paid in for Tenthys, and burn the same, and also to take and receive of the said *Jonathan*, all Mortgages, Bonds and other Papers belonging to the Colony, which were deposited with him in his said Office, and deliver the same to his Successor *Benjamin Nichols Esq*; Reported, That they had received of the said *Jonathan Nichols* Twenty one Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and five Pence old Tenor; whereof, they had burnt Fifteen Thousand and One Pound, Eleven Skillings, and the Remainder being Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty nine Pounds, Two Skillings and Five Pence, was by them delivered to the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols*, for which they produced his Recet. And, That they had also received of said *Jonathan Nichols*, all the Mortgages, &c. beforementioned, and delivered them to the said *Benjamin Nichols*, who gave them the Recet for the same, which they delivered in with their Report. And now the said Report being taken into Consideration, and it appearing to this Assembly, that the said *Benjamin Nichols* hath given Bond according to Law for the faithful Performance and Discharge of his Duty in said Office: It is voted and resolved, That the Report of the said Committee, be and it is hereby accepted. And, That they be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Ten Skillings Old Tenor, for their Labor and Care in the Premises.

As the Colony is divided into Four Counties, and Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize and General Goal Delivery erected and established in each of them, it will be most convenient to have their Records kept apart. Therefore, Mr. *Ward* the present Clerk of those Courts, is directed to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General Treasury, and therewith purchase Four Books suitable to answer the Purpose aforesaid.

An Act in Addition to an Act, made and pass by the General Assembly at their Session in South Carolina on the last Wednesday of October, 1745. Entituled, *An Act for the regulating minding of Highways within the Colony*.

**B**eing it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, when and as often as Surveyors of Highways shall be chosen in the Towns of this Colony, and have taken the Oath or Engagement faithfully to do their Duty in that Office, the Town Council of every respective Town shall and they are hereby impowered and directed to appoint and determine each Surveyor's District, and proportion the Number of Persons to work under them.

AND

*AND be it farther enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall hereafter be chosen an Overseer of the Highways in any Town within the Colony, and shall refuse to take his Oath or Engagement to the faithful Discharge of his Duty in that Office, he shall be fined the Sum of Five Pounds old Tenor, to be recovered by a Warrant of Distress from any Assistant, or from a Justice of the Peace or Warden of the Town where the Party so refusing dwelleth: Which Warrant shall be directed to the Town-Sergeant, or either of the Constables of said Town, to be levied on the Goods and Chattles of such Person who shall so refuse as aforesaid; and the Money thus levied shall be paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Town's Use.*

*An Act for Printing all the public Laws and Acts that shall be hereafter, made and past by the General Assembly.*

**W**HENCEAS there are several Inconveniences attending the Method now used to communicate the public Laws and Acts of the General Assembly to the several Towns, by the Secretary's transcribing and sending each Town a Copy; for the Length of the Laws and Acts, sometimes passed at one or more Sessions, often causes great Delay, and the Towns are not supplied with Copies so soon as they are wanted. Moreover it is conceived that it will be cheaper to the Colony to have them printed.

For Remedy whereof

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Secretary for the Time being, shall for the future draw up in Form all the public Laws and Orders of the General Assembly, immediately after the Rising of each Assembly, and when he hath so done, agree with the Printer residing or dwelling in Newport, upon the best Terms he can, to provide Paper and forthwith print as many Copies of the said Laws and Orders as there are or shall be Towns in this Colony, at the Colony's Charge. And, That the Secretary make Report of his Agreement, from Time to Time, to the General Assembly at their next Sessions after: where also the Printer shall exhibit his or her Account for Paper and Printing of what shall be done at the Colony's Charge, in order for Allowance.

*AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Printer shall have Liberty to make as many more Copies as he or she shall think fit, and dispose of the same for his or her private Profit or Advantage.*

*AND Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as the Secretary shall have registered the Acts and Orders of Assembly in the Colony's Book of Records, he shall forthwith deliver the Printer the first Draught, and shall attend the Press, and examine every Sheet to make the same correct: And when a sufficient Number of Copies shall be printed, to supply each Town with a Copy, the Secretary shall Sign and attest so many as shall be needful, and thereunto fix the Colony's Seal, and send the Town Clerk of each Town*

a Copy to and for the Use of his Town, and that within so many Days after the Rising of such Assembly, as shall be by them appointed.

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary shall be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury for performing his Duty as by this Act is required. To wit,*

For drawing up the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly in Form, and registering them as aforesaid. the same Fees by the Page as is already stated by Law

For publishing the Acts and Orders of Assembly in the Town of Newport —————— £ 2 0 0 .

For attending and correcting the Pres, One Shilling }  
and Sixpence for every Page which he must have copied }  
and sent to the several Towns, had not the Acts and Orders }  
of Assembly been hereby directed to be printed.

For Signing, attesting, and fixing the Colony's Seal to a Copy for each of the Towns. —————— £ 0 5 0

An Act directing all the public Laws, now in Force in this Colony, which have been made since the Laws were last revised, to be put in Print.

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all the public Laws now in Force in this Colony, which have been made since the Laws were last revised, be put in Print at the Charge of the Colony as soon as conveniently may be: And that Edward Scott Esq; with the Secretary, be a Committee to procure it done, and to agree with the Printer upon the best Terms they can for Paper and Printing as many Copies as there are Towns in the Colony: And, that when the same is done, the Secretary send a Copy to each Town-Clerk, to and for the Use of each respective Town*

**W**HEREAS David Late of Portmeirion, in the County of Newport, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, that by a Mistake, he gave Two Sets of Bonds, for Payment of Tenth due to the Colony on a Mortgage made by him to the Grand-Committee, for Money he took up at one Bank only. That said Committee afterwards perceiving the Error, delivered said David Nine of the Ten Bonds given by Mistake as aforesaid; but the other Tenth Bond, not being then to be found, the Grand Committee promised to deliver said Bond unto the said David when it should be found. Notwithstanding whereof he was sometime after sued on the same Bond which was condition'd for the Payment of Six Pounds Ten Shillings, and put to Charge in the Law, since which he hath paid both Debt and Costs, not knowing it was one of those Bonds which he gave by Mistake as aforesaid; and also that he hath been lately sued on another Tenth Bond for the same Sum payable at the same

same Time, and put to farther Charges which remains unpaid; whereupon he pray'd this Assembly for Relief; who taking the Premises into Consideration, and finding the Facts asserted by the said *David* to be true: Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Judgment of Court last obtain'd against said *David*, shall be, and it is hereby declared and made null and void: And the Grand-Committee, and all others whom it doth or may concern, are Required to take Notice hereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

**W**H E R E A S *Clement Minor* of *Stonington*, in the County of *New-London*, and Colony of *Connecticut*, late Shop-keeper, represented unto this Assembly, That on the Sixteenth Day of *April* last, his House in *Stonington* aforesaid, was destroy'd by Fire, with great part of his Household Goods, and Effects, to the Value of near *Six Thousand Pounds*: And, That among other Things, *Two Hundred Pounds* in Bills of public Credit, emitted by this Colony, were burnt in his said House. Whereupon the said *Clement* petition'd this Assembly for Relief: Who, having made diligent Enquiry into the Matter, do vote and resolve, and it is hereby voted and resolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Current Money of the Old Tenor, be paid unto the Petitioner, by *Benjamin Nichols Esq*; one of the Grand Committee, out of the Colony's Money, by him received for Tenth's; and that the said Sum shall be look'd upon, and accounted as so much of the Colony's Money burnt.

**W**H E R E A S *William Cranston* Shipwright, and *Southcote Langworthy* *Brazier*, both of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, represented unto this Assembly, That on the Twenty fourth Day of *October*, 1746. They became bound unto our Sovereign Lord the King, in the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* each, by a Recognisance of that Date; with Condition, That *Mary Mc. Collen*, Wife of *John Mc. Collen*, should personally appear at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the Third *Tuesday* of *November* last, and answer to such Things as should be objected against her, touching and concerning her Assau'lting, Threatning and Beating *Ann* the Wife of *Samuel Power* of *Newport*, *Black-Smith*: That in the mean Time the said *Mary* should be of good Behaviour, to all his Majesty's Leige Subjects, and more especially to the said *Ann*; and that the said *Mary* should not depart the Court without Leave: That the said *Mary* accordingly made her personal Appearance before the Court of Sessions: By whom the Recognisance aforesaid was continued to the Sessions held at *Newport* on the last *Tuesday* of *May*; at neither of which Courts was the said *Mary* prosecuted by Indictment for any Offence against Law, or for Breach of the Condition of the aforesaid Recognisance: Yet the said *Cranston* and *Langworthy*, at the said Court of Sessions in *May*, were served with a Scirefacias, at his Majesty's Suit, wherein it was alledged, That since the Date of the Recognisance aforesaid, and before the Court of Sessions first mention'd, the said *Mary* had assaulted the aforesaid *Ann Power*, and given her a violent Stroke with a Brick; whereby she was lam'd, &c. That at the said Sessions in *May*, the Facts, alledg'd in the Scirefacias, were past upon by the Jury, who gave a Verdict in Favor of his Majesty; and the Court thereupon declared the Recognisance forfeited, and sentenc'd the said *Cranston* and

and *Langworthy* to pay the Penalty thereof, &c. Which Sentence (they alledged) was illegal; and pray'd that the same might be annull'd and render'd void.

*On Consideration whereof, and the several Circumstances attending the Affair.*

This Assembly do vote and resolve; and it is hereby voted and resolved, That the said Sentence be, and it is hereby annull'd and made void. Whereof the Court of Sessions who past the same, and all others whom it doth or may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

This Assembly, having taken into Consideration, the Extracts of His Grace, the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter to Governor *Shirley*, respecting the Dismissal of the Troops, rais'd in *America*, for the Expedition intended against *Canada*; together with the Letter from Governor *Shirley* and Governor *Knowles* to our Governor, thereupon. Are of Opinion as follows. To wit, *First*, That it will be proper, and his Honor the Governor is hereby Requested to send forthwith, unto their Excellencies, the Enlistment, and Muster-Rolls of all the Soldiers rais'd in this Colony, for the Expedition; and all other Papers his Honor may think necessary; and that the whole be duly authenticated. *Secondly*, That these Troops being raised in Consequence of a Proclamation, issued by the Governor, with Advice of the Assembly; they ought to be discharged, according to the Tenor of that Proclamation, and the true Intent and Meaning thereof. *Thirdly*, That as it appears, by the several Extracts from the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter, the disbanding the Troops, rais'd for the aforesaid Service, is wholly vested in their Excellencies, The Way and Manner of doing it, and paying off the Officers and Soldiers, must be their proper Province:— And his Honor the Governor is desired to inform their Excellencies of the Sentiments of this Assembly.

The Account of *Daniel Smith* against the Colony, amounting to *One Hundred & Three Pounas and Eight Pence Old Tenor*, for Work done, and Stuff found by him, for Repairing the public Goal and Yard in the Town of *Providence*, being duly examined, is allow'd by this Assembly:

Who thereupon Vote, and resolve, and it is hereby voted and resolved, That the said Sum be paid unto the aforesaid *Daniel Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

It is voted and resolved, That all Business, lying before this Assembly, unfinish'd be, and it is hereby referr'd to the next Session thereof: That the Secretary draw up the Acts and Orders, now made, and past, into Forms; and publish them in the Town of *Newport* by Beat of Drum, within Five Days, and send each Town a Copy, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: Which is hereby adjourn'd, to the last Monday in *February* next, then to meet in *South Kingstown*, and not before, unless summon'd by a Warrant from his Honor the Governor.

God Save the King.

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By *Tho. Ward*, Secretary.

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# At the General Assembly of the

GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of  
*Rhode-Island* and *Providence* Plantations in *New-England* in *AMERICA*, begun and held at *South-Kingstown* in said Colony, by Ad-  
journment, on the last Monday of *February*, in the Twenty first Year  
of the Reign of his most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE the Second*, by  
the Grace of *GOD*, *KING* of *Great Britain*, &c.

## Present.

The honorable *GIDEON WANTON* Esq; Governor

The honorable *William Robinson* Esq; Deputy Governor

*Benjamin Hazard* Esq; Assist.      } *Gideon Durfey* Esq; Assist.  
*George Wanton* Esq; Assist.      } *Joseph Edmunds* Esq; Assist.  
*William Rhodes* Esq; Assist.      } *Epbraim Gardner* Esq; Assist.  
*Jonathan Randal* Esq; Assist.      } *Jeremiah Niles* Esq; Assist.

Mr *Benjamin Peckom* jun. Deputy Secretary.

## Deputies of the several Towns.

The honorable *Daniel Jencks* Esq; Speaker.

*Newport*, Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, Mr. *Thomas Cranston*, Mr. *James Sheffield*.

*Providence*, the Speaker, Col. *William Hopkins*, Mr. *John Potter* jun.  
Mr. *Pelsg Williams* jun.

*Portsmouth*, Mr. *John Allen*.

*Warwick*, Major *James Arnold*, Col. *Benoni Waterman*, Mr. *Samuel Green*, Mr. *Joseph Lippet*.

*Westerly*, *Joshua Babcock* Esq; Major *William Pendleton*.  
New-Shorham, None.

*North-Kingstown*, Mr. *John Congdon*, Mr. *John Spirk*.

*South-Kingstown*, Capt. *Robert Hazard*, Col. *Thomas Hazard*.

*East-Greenwich*, Mr. *Giles Pearce*, Capt. *Thomas Spenser*.

*Jamestown*, Mr. *John Martin*, Capt. *Samuel Steele*.

*Smithfield*, Mr. *Jonathan Arnold*.

*Scituate*, None.

*Glocester*, Capt. *Richard Smith*.

*Charlestown*, Col. *Joseph Stanton*, Mr. *James Congdon*.

*West-Greenwich*, Capt. *Ihmael Spirk*.

*Coventry*, Mr. *George Hall*

*Exeter* Mr. *Job Trip*, Capt. *John Reynolds*.

*Middletown*, Mr. *John Taylor*.

*Bristol*, Capt. *Jonathan Peck*, Major *Thomas Green*.

*Tiverton*, Mr. *Edward Wanton*.

Little Compton, Mr. *William Hall*, Mr. *Joseph Wood*.  
 Warren, Capt. *Benjamin Barton*, Capt. *Matthew Allen*.  
 Cumberland, Mr. *Israel Whipple*.  
 Richmond, Capt. *Richard Baily*, Mr. *John Webster*.

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower-House.

Messrs *Hezekiah Carpenter*, *John Channing* and *James Sheffield*, Three of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of *John Gardner* Esq; General Treasurer and Commissary of the Colony, made Report to this Assembly, That, having examined the said Accounts, they find a Ballance due from the said *John Gardner* to the Colony, to wit, *Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty six Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eleven pence halfpenny*, in Money and Bonds. On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted; and that the Committee be allowed the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, to be paid them out of the General Treasury for their Labor and Pains in performing the Service.

W H E R E A S Messrs. *Samuel Wickham* and *James Sheffield* together with *Abraham Redwood* Esq; were appointed a Committee to inspect into the double Mortgages, in the Grand Committee's Office; and also to inspect into the Bonds in said Office, and that all such Bonds as appeared to be paid, or not proper to be put in Suit, should be laid by themselves, and not put in Suit until the Controversy between the Colony and *Jableel Brenton* Esq; should be determined, or till farther Orders from the General Assembly: And, now the said *Samuel Wickham*, and *James Sheffield*, made Report to this Assembly, That, in Pursuance of their Appointment, they had made Inspection, as far as any Information had been given to them, and all such Mortgages as appeared to them to be double, and all such Bonds as appeared to be paid, or where it appeared probable that they were paid, they had directed *Mr Benjamin Nichols* (who is at present the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office) to lay all such Mortgages and Bonds by themselves, and not put them in Suit, until farther Orders from the General Assembly: On Consideration whereof, this Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be and it is hereby accepted; and that the Account, exhibited by the said *Samuel Wickham* and *James Sheffield* with their Report, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds and Twelve Shillings* be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

A N D whereas the aforesaid *Samuel Wickham* declines serving any longer, as a Committee-Man, in the aforesaid Affair: This Assembly do choose and appoint *George Wanton* Esq; and Messrs. *James Sheffield* and *Thomas Crayton* to be a Committee for the future, for the Purpose aforesaid, and that they or the major Part of them act therein as often as Occasion shall require.

W H E R E A S

W H E R E A S sundry Accounts rendered to the General Assembly, by *Jahleel Brenton* Esq; as Treasurer to the Grand-Committee, were delivered by said General Assembly to *Robert Gibbs*, *Stephen Hopkins* and *George Brown* Esqrs. a Committee appointed, by the General Assembly, to wait on said *Jahleel Brenton*, and to examine his Vouchers: Which Accounts have never yet been returned to the General Assembly, tho' often call'd for: And said Committee have been cited to appear, before said General Assembly, to render an Account of their Proceedings, and to return said Accounts: But *Robert Gibbs* Esq; one of said Committee, hath, in Contempt of the Authority of said Assembly, refused to appear. It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary put forth a Precept directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, commanding him to have the said *Robert Gibbs* before the General Assembly, of this Colony, at their next Sessions; and also to cite the said *Stephen Hopkins*, and *George Brown* to appear also before said Assembly, to answer respecting the Premises.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Rhodes* Esq; *Col. Benoni Waterman*, and *Jeremiah Lippet* Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect into the Circumstances of the *Providence* Lottery, to examine the Accounts, of the Directors respecting the building of *Waybaset Bridge*; and see that all the Benefit-Tickets be discharged; and to make Report at the next Session of Assembly.

It is voted and resolved, That *Joseph Jerson*'s Account amounting to *Three Pounds*, for his Time, Expence and Horse-Hire in going to call *Two* of the Deputies to attend the General Assembly, at their second Session in *August* last, be and it is hereby allowed, and that the said Sum be paid the said *Joseph Jerson* out of the General Treasury.

It is voted and resolved, That the *Account* of *Joseph Martin* jun. a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Newport*, amounting to *Twenty one Pounds*, for notifying or warning the General Council, and also several of the Members of both Houses, to give their Attendance, in the General Assembly, at several Times in the Year 1746, also for his Time, Expence and Horse-Hire in citing *Robert Gibbs*, *Stephen Hopkins* and *George Brown* Esqrs. to appear before the General Assembly, be and it is hereby allowed, and that the said Sum be paid the said *Joseph Martin* jun. out of the General Treasury.

W H E R E A S *John Gardner* Esq; General Treasurer and Commissary, hath charged the Colony with the Sum of *Three Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds* old Tenor, for *Twenty six Coats*, remaining in his Hands, Part of those, provided for the Soldiers raited to go in the Expedition intended against *Canada*: Which Coats were not made Use of; because so many of the said Soldiers were paid Money in Lieu of Cloaths, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, made & past the twelfth Day of *June* 1746. And now this Assembly, taking the Affair into Consideration, do vote and Resolve, and it is hereby voted and Resolved, That the said *John Gardner* dispose of the Coats aforesaid, to the best Advantage, for the Use of the Colony.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the *Account of Thomas Spence / Son of John Spence of East-Greenwich*) amounting to *Seven Pounds*, for notifying or warning several Members both of the Upper and Lower House, to meet in General Assembly, in the Month of November 1746, be and it is hereby allowed, and that the said Sum of *Seven Pounds* be paid the said *Thomas Spence* out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the *Account of Thomas Hafzard, Keeper of his Majesty's Goal in Kings-County*, amounting to *Seventeen Pounds Thre Shillings and Fourpence* for the Board, last Sickness and Funeral Charge, &c. of *John Albro*, who stood committed to said Goal (where he died) on an Execution, sued out against him by the General Treasurer, for Money due to the Colony, be allowed; and that the said Sum of *Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence*, be paid to the said *Thomas Hafzard* out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Dunham, and Joseph Bennet* be allowed and paid, *Ten Pounds* each out of the General Treasury, for their Trouble, in cleaning the Colony-House in *Newport*, the Year part which Trouble was vastly more than common, by Reason of the Carpenters and Masons being a considerable Time at Work in finishing said House, and the Court's setting in that Time.

*An Act for the Amendment of, and in Addition to the Law, made and past in this Colony, in the Second Year of his present Majesty's Reign. Entituled, An Act enabling the Town Council of each Town to grant Licences for the retailing Strong Liquors, and to prevent the selling of such Liquors by Retail without Licence first obtained*

**W**HEREAS it appears to this Assembly, That the good Design of the Second Paragraph in said Act, for convicting and punishing such Persons as are, or hereafter may be guilty of violating said Act, hath heretofore been much violated, and likely hereafter to be so; by Reason the Method for convicting of Persons guilty of selling Strong Liquors contrary to said Act, is too loose and uncertain, and the Fine of those Persons convicted so small that Persons usually guilty of said Offence do not regard the same.

For regulating amending, and in Addition to the Second Paragraph in the Act aforesaid.

**B**E it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, That if any Person or Persons shall be found guilty of retailing of any Sort of Strong Liquors, mentioned in said Act, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, either by his her or their own Confession, or by the Testimony of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses on Oath or Engagement, before any two or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace

Peace or Wardens in any Town in this Colony where such Offence, shall be committed, He She or They shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Twenty Pounds (Old Tenor) to be recovered and disposed of according to the aforesaid Act.

*AND Be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person or Persons shall be aggrieved at any Sentence or Judgment given against them, by the Justices or Wardens, for the Breach of the aforesaid Act, He She or They have Liberty of an Appeal to the next General Sessions of the Peace, to be held in the County where such Sentence or Judgment appealed from shall be given, always provided such Appeal be asked at the Time such Sentence shall be given, He She or They so appealing paying down the Cost taxed by the Court appealed from, and entering into Recognisance in the Sum of Fifty Pounds (Old Tenor) with one sufficient Surety, for His her or their prosecuting such Appeal with Effect, and paying such farther Costs as may be by the Court appealed to taxed, in case the Judgment be affirmed, and to be of good Behavior in the mean Time: Always provided, the Appellant or Appellants file their Reasons of Appeal with the Clerk of the Court appealed to, the Day before the setting thereof.*

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An Act enabling the several Towns in this Colony to make such Town Acts, as to them may seem meet, for the raising of Monies to defray the Charges of each Town.

**W**HEREFORE, Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That each and every Town in this Colony have, and they have hereby full Power and Authority to make such Law or Laws, Act and Acts, in each and every Town in this Colony, to raise such and so much Money, as may be by them respectively thought sufficient to defray the Charges that hath already arisen or hereafter may arise in each or any such Town, as may have Occasion for Money as aforesaid, either by Rating real or personal Estates, or both, or on the Poles of the Inhabitants, as to them or the major part of the Freemen, may seem proper: Any Law or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding:

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An Act in Addition to an Act, Entituled, *An Act directing the Attendance of the Petit-Jurors and Witnesses at the Superior and Inferior Courts in this Colony: And at the Time of making the said Act, there were but Three Countys in this Colony, and the several Times set for the Jurors and Witnesses to give their Attendance at each of the respective Courts: And now there being another County made in this Colony, and no Time prefixed for Jurors and Witnesses to give their Attendance, no otherwise than on the first Day of the Court's Sitting.*

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Petit-Jurors, who shall be chosen or drawn for the Superior Courts of Judicature, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, &c. in the County of Bristol in this Colony, shall not be obliged to attend either of the said Courts, until the second Day of the Courts Sitting; and that in the mean Time the said Courts go on with the dilatory Pleas and call out Defaulters: And that no Witnesses be summon'd to appearat either of the said Courts, to give in Evidence to the Issue of any Cause, until such Time as the Jurors are to attend.

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**W**HEREAS there is no regular Cartel settled between his most Gracious Majesty King GEORGE the Second, King of Great Britain, &c. and the French King, and his most Catholic Majesty the King of Spain, &c. for the exchanging of Prisoners of War, his Subjects belonging to this his Majesty's Colony, when taken by either of the Powers of the aforesaid Princes, now our most Gracious Majesty's open and declared Enemies, and at War, to the great Annoyance and Peace of this his most Loyal and Dutiful Colony: Which renders the Redeeming his Majesty's Subjects belonging to the same Impracticable, by any other Method or Means but by Way of Flag of Truce, either from this Colony to either of the aforesaid Princes, Enemies of our Sovereign, or from thence to this Colony: Which if prevented or discouraged under proper Regulations, would be greatly against his Majesty's Interest, and unspeakable Hardship of his Subjects belonging to this Colony

For Regulating whereof for the Future.

**B**E it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That when any Persons, Prisoners of War be brought into this Colony belonging to either of the said Princes, his said Majesty's Enemies as aforesaid, when there be to the Number of Fifteen or more of such Prisoners, their Names and by whom, and when taken being first certified by the Secretary of this Colony, who is hereby required to keep an exact Register of all such Prisoners, to be taken from the Oath of the Captors, the Confession of such Prisoners or Decrees, or Certificate from the Admiralty Office, that then and in such Case, his Honor, the Governor of this Colony, for the Time being, may Commissionate a proper Person and Vessel at the Charge of this Colony, unless some private Merchant will offer to do the same at his own Expence: Provided always, that such Person so Commissionated shall, before such Vessel sails out of any Harbor in this Colony, produce a Certificate, from the Admiralty or Custom-House Office, that such Vessel has not on board any more Provisions than are by them thought to be sufficient for Victualing such Vessel's Crew, and such Prisoners, and as many English Prisoners as such Vessel is capable of bringing back from the Dominions of either of the aforesaid Princes with Conveniency: And that such Persons so Commissionated give Bond to his Majesty, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Sterling, to produce a Certificate from the Governor or other commanding Officer of the Place, where such Prisoners are to be delivered, of such Delivery, and that he will bring back as many English Prisoners

*Prisoners, as such Vessel will carry with Conveniency, if they are to be had at such Place.*

*AND Be it further Enacted, That no Flag of Truce be granted contrary to the Tenor of this Act.*

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*It is Voted and Resolved, that the Account of Major William Pendleton, amounting to *Thirty six Pounds Five Shillings*, for repairing one half of the great Bridge between this Colony and that of Connecticut, be allowed; and that the said Sum be paid the Major out of the General Treasury.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, that the Sum of *Seventy three Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury to the Committee, who were appointed to proportion the Rate, for their Time and Expence, &c. in doing that Business: To *Wm*, to *George Brown*, *Fourteen Pounds*, to *John Holden*, *Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, to *Robert Hazard* *Eleven Pounds*, to *John Weight*, *Twelve Pounds*, to *John Manchester*, *Twelve Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, and to *Samuel Wickham* *Ten Pounds*.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, that the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* and *six pence* be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, unto *Capt. Joseph Olney*, for repairing the Windows of the County House in *Providence*.*

**W**HEREAS *Jonathan Jencks* was appointed to repair one *Half* of *Patucket-Bridge*, and has neglected the same: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, that *Colonel William Hopkins* be appointed in his Room, for the Purpose aforesaid; provided, the other *Half* be repaired by Subscription or otherwise: And when the whole is repaired, That said *William Hopkins*, lay the Accounts of the whole Charge of repairing the said Bridge before the Assembly, in order to be paid one *Half* thereof.

**W**HEREAS *John Gardner* of *South-Kingstown* hath represented unto this Assembly, That the Inhabitants Trade and Commerce of this Colony have so far increased of late, that the Ferries, established on the *Narraganset Shoar*, and the Boats employed, in that Service, are not sufficient to transport, with Convenience, the numerous Passengers, their large Doves, various Effects and Merchandise, the Boats being often crowded with Men, Women, Children, Horses, Hogs, Sheep and Cattle to the intollerable Inconvenience, Annoyance and Delay of Men and Business: That he the said *John Gardner* is provided with a good Wharf and Pier, situate in a convenient and commodious Place for keeping a Ferry between *South-Kingston* and *Jamestown*, and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him the Liberty of keeping a Ferry between the aforesaid Towns *South-Kingston* and *Jamestown*.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Petitioner have the Liberty of keeping a Ferry, agreeable to his Petition, he complying with the Laws regulating Ferries.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds Seventeen Skillings and Six pence Old Tenor* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto *James Angel* for Money he disbursed at *Leisburgh*, on Account of the Colony, and for a Journey by him made to *Boston* in the Government's Service.

Upon the Petition of *James Angel*, who was sometime since the Colony's Commissary at *Leisburgh*. It is Voted and Resolved, That he be allowed and paid the Sum of *Nineteen Pounds*, out of the General Treasury, in Addition to what he was formerly allowed by the Assembly for his Service in that Respect.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *William Robinson, Esq*; *George Wanton, Esq*; *Jeremiah Niles, Esq*; *Capt. Robert Hazard* and *Col. Benoni Waterman*, be a Committee to consider of the best Method, that may be for Payment of the Officers and Soldiers, raised by this Colony in the intended Expedition against *Canada*; and make Report as soon as may be.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Capt. Joseph Stanton jun.* be a Town's Committee Man for *Charlestown*; and *Capt. Richard Bayley*, and *Mr. John Webster* Committee Men, for *Richmond*, for exchanging Mortgage Deeds, &c.

Whereas *Benjamin Hyams*, late of *Exeter*, in *King's County*, represented unto this Assembly, That he is now confined in his Majesty's Goal, in *Scotb-Kingscrown*, upon two Executions, at the Suit of the Grand Committee of the Colony, for *Eighty-nine Pounds Five Skillings and Six pence*, that he is altogether unable to pay the Money, and being a *Cripple* (were he at Liberty) is unable to earn any thing more than a bare Subsistence for himself; and such is his Poverty, That unless he be relieved by Charity, he must perish in Goal: And thereupon the said *Benjamin* supplicated this Assembly, that he might be discharged from the Executions aforesaid; and that the Deed of the Lands which were mortgaged for said Money may be put in Suit.

On Consideration whereof,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, that the said *Benjamin Hyams* be, and he is hereby discharged from the said Executions; and that the Deed of the Lands which were mortgaged for said Money be put in Suit.

Whereas a Petition was preferr'd to this Assembly, subscribed by a Number of Gentlemen, some living in *Newport*, and others elsewhere, setting forth, that there is a great Necessity of paving the Streets of *Newport*, more especially the Street leading to the Colony House, and therefore prayed this Assembly to grant the Liberty of putting forth a Lottery, agreeable to the Scheme presented with said Petition, for paving said Streets, and appoint Directors.

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Which being duly considered,

This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be granted, and that Messrs Stephen Wanton, Evan Mallbone, William Ellery, Joseph Jacob, Thomas Cranston, Samuel Wickham and John Channing, be Directors of said Lottery, and that they or the major Part of them put forth said Lottery as soon as conveniently may be; and that they begin to draw the same on the second Monday of June next, and that the said Directors give Bond with Surety, in the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds to the General Treasurer of this Colony for the faithful Performance of their said Trust, and that said Bond be given before the Scheme be put forth.

Here follows the Scheme refer'd to above.

4	Tickets of	- - £. 1000	each is £. 4000 - 0 - 0
6	ot	500	— 3000 - 0 - 0
8	of	400	— - 3200 - 0 - 0
10	of	300	— — 3000 - 0 - 0
20	of	200	— - - 4000 - 0 - 0
53	of	100	— - - 5300 - 0 - 0
100	of	50	— - - 5000 - 0 - 0
200	of	25	— - - 5000 - 0 - 0
2950	of	16	— — 47000 - 0 - 0
<u>3351</u>	Prizes,		£. 79,500 - 0 - 0
		First drawn,	200 - 0 - 0
<u>6649</u>	Blanks	Last drawn	300 - 0 - 0
		10000 Tickets at £. 8 - 0 - 0 each, Old Tenor is 80,000 - 0 - 0	

Twelve and an half per cent. to be deducted from the Prizes, is £. 10,000 which is to be applyed in paving the Streets of Newport. The Managers are to undertake the whole without any Reward for their Trouble.

WHEREAS there are many Pieces of Upland and Meadowes, Salt and Fresh, lying in several Towns in this Colony, owned and improved by the Inhabitants of other Governments and Towns; and many of them make no other Improvement of their Land, but by cutting and carrying off the Grass, Hay or Corn, and that but once in a Year; which renders it difficult to collect the Rates or Taxes of such Lands: And there being no Act of this Colony setting forth how the Rates or Taxes shall be levied, and collected for such Lands or Stock owned and improved as aforesaid.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That where the Owner or Tenant of any such Lands that is liable to public Rates or Taxes, shall not reside or be an Inhabitant of this Colony or Town in which such Lands lie, that from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, That the Assessors or Rate-makers of each respective Town in this Colony, where

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any such Lands are owned as aforesaid, shall rate or assess all the **Owners** or Occupants of such Lands or Stock, their due and equal Proportion in all Rates to be by them made; and when and so often as any Constable or Collector, that the Town may choose for that Service, shall receive their Rate List or Lists, may distrain such Owner or Occupant by his Goods or Chattels, Corn, Hay or Grass, within the same County where such Lands lye; and such Distress or Distresses so taken to be disposed of as is already provided by the Law of this Colony in Case of Distress for Rates; unless the Owner or Occupant of such Lands, upon Demand or Slight of the List or Lists, pay down the Sum or Sums of his Assessment, or give sufficient Security under his Hand to pay to the Constable or Collector, the full Sum or Sums, to which he was assessed and set in the said List or Lists in the Space of Ten Days; and upon Refusal, or Neglect, to pay down, or give Security as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Constable or Collector to seize the Body or Bodies of such Person or Persons, and him or them commit to the Goal of the County, there to remain until He or They pay and satisfie the Sum or Sums so assessed on them with the Charges.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Three Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six pence*, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury unto the Committee that procured the Materials, and cartryed on the Building of the Colony-House, it being their Commissions at Two and an half *per cent.* on the Sum of *Thirteen Thousand, and Sixty three Pounds*, which pass through their Hands in performing that Service.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Rate of *Five Thousand Pounds* New Tenor, to be levied on this Colony, for the Year 1747, be proportioned to each Town as followeth; and that the same be levied as soon as may be, *viz.*

To the Town of <i>Newport</i> , £. 825 - 0 - 0.	<i>Glocester</i> £. 117 - 15 - 0
<i>Providence</i> , - - - 550 - 0 - 0	<i>Charlestown</i> , 75 - 00 - 0
<i>Portsmouth</i> — — — 275 - 15 - 0	<i>West-Greenwich</i> 79 - 05 - 0
<i>Warwick</i> — — — 239 - 10 - 0	<i>Coventry</i> — 59 - 10 - 0
<i>Westerly</i> — — — 270 - 00 0	<i>Exeter</i> - - 125 - 00 - 0
<i>New-Shoreham</i> — — — 83 - 00 - 0	<i>Middletown</i> - 149 - 00 - 0
<i>North-Kingstown</i> — — — 325 - 00 - 0	<i>Bristol</i> — 174 - 10 - 0
<i>Scitul Kingstown</i> — — — 450 - 00 - 0	<i>Tiverton</i> — 140 - 00 - 0
<i>East-Greenwich</i> — — — 125 : 00 - 0	<i>Little-Compton</i> 167 : 10 : 0
<i>Jamesstown</i> — — — 100 : 05 - 0	<i>Warren</i> — 115 : 00 : 0
<i>Smithfield</i> — — — 274 : 00 - 0	<i>Cumberland</i> 83 : 10 : 0
<i>Scituate</i> — — — 132 : 00 - 0	<i>Richmond</i> — 64 : 10 : 0

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It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Wanton*, Esq: *Mr. James Steffield*, *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq, and *Capt. Robert Hazard*, or the major Part of them be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to pay off the Officers and Soldiers raised in this Colony, for the intended *Expedition against Canada*,

*Canada*, upon the Credit of his Majesty, what yet remains unpaid of their Wages: and for that Purpose, that the Sum of *Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, of the New Tenor, be forthwith struck off and Signed by the Grand Committee, and delivered to the said Committee, or a less Sum, if the whole shall not be wanted; and that the same be sunk when it is repaid by his Majesty.

It is Voted & Resolved, That the Secretary be cited to appear at the next Session of Assembly, to answer for his Conduct in respect to the Act, passed last Session of Assembly, on Consideration of the Extracts of the Duke of *New Castle's* Letter to Governor *Shirley*, respecting the Dismission of the Troops raised in *America*, for the Expedition against *Canada*, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Account of *Stephen Test*, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds*, be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury, it being for his Attendance on the General Assembly at the last and this present Session, and for a Journey, &c. by him made to *Newport* in the Colony's Service.

It is Voted & Resolv'd, That *Benjamin Hazzard*, Esq; *Messrs. James Shefield*, and *Thomas Cranston*, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to burn what Money is in the Hands of the Grand Committee, paid in for Tents, and what Money is in the General Treasury, paid in of the Rate; and make Report to the next Session of Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns in this Colony be, and they are hereby empowered to appoint One or more suitable Persons in each Town respectively, to collect the Colony's Rates, and such Persons so appointed, to be accountable in the same Manner as the *Constables* have been heretofore by the Laws of this Colony; and that the several Towns choose such Persons as aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be, and that the Town Clerks of each respective Town send to the General Treasurer the Names of the Persons so chosen.

It is Voted and Resolved, that the Account of *John Martin*, amounting to *Six Pounds*, for his Expences and Attendance on the House of Deputies, this Session of the Assembly, be allowed, and that the said Sum of *Six Pounds* be paid him out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, that the Account of *Sanford Cale*, amounting to *Eight Pounds*, for his Attendance on the General Assembly, this Session, &c. be allowed; and that said Sum be paid him out of the General Treasury.

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**W**HEREAS *Messrs. Joseph Nichols, Benoni Hall and Thomas Carr*, were by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport* the third *Tuesday* of *August* last, appointed a Committee to lay out a drift Way from *Bissell's* Mill Dam to the Ferry, called *Northup's Ferry*, in

In North-Kingstown; and now made Report, that on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Day of October A D. 1747. they began at said Mill Dam, and proceeded and ran across the Lands of Christopher Phillips, Esq; and then across the Lands of Capt. John Cole, and then across the Lands of John Cole, Esq; and then across the Lands of Mr. David Greene, and then across the Land of Mr. Benjamin Northup, until they came to a Stone Wall standing in the Line between the Land of the said Benjamin Northup and Mr. Reuse Helme's Land; where the said Rouse Helme appeared and forbade them running any Drift Way thro' his Land there. And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, that so much of the said Report be accepted, as to bring the Way therein mentioned to the Way laid out by Jeffry Watson, Job Trip and John Reynolds jun. a Committee, whose Report is accepted by this Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, that all Business, lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referr'd to next Sessions of Assembly; and that the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, by Beat of Drum, in Newport, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and send Copies to each Town in the Colony, agreeable to Law, within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And that this Assembly be adjourned till the last Monday in April next; if called at said Time, by his Honor the Governor or Deputy Governor; but if not called before, nor at said Time, then to be dissolved.

God Save the King.

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By Tho. Ward Secretary.

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within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday, the  
third of May, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of  
His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the  
Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c. It being  
the Day before the GENERAL ELECTION.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *GIDEON WANTON*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ROBINSON*, Esq; Dep. Governor.

<i>BENJAMIN HASZARD</i> , Esq;	<i>JOSEPH EDMONDS</i> , Esq;
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<i>GIDEON DURFEY</i> , Esq;	

*Affl.*

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S for the several TOWNS:

The Hon. *DANIEL JENCKS*, Esq; chosen Speaker.

NEWPORT ;	
<i>Capt. Thomas Wickham,</i>	
<i>Capt. Walter Cbaloner,</i>	
<i>Mr Thomas Cranston,</i>	
<i>Mr. John Channing,</i>	
<i>Capt. Jonathan Nichols,</i>	
<i>Mr. James Sbeffield.</i>	
PROVIDENCE ;	
<i>The Speaker,</i>	
<i>Mr. John Angel,</i>	
<i>Mr. Henry Harris:</i>	

PORPSMOUTH ;	
<i>Mr. Daniel Howland,</i>	
<i>Mr. Oliver Earl,</i>	
<i>Mr David Antbcny,</i>	
<i>Mr. Jonathan Freeborn.</i>	

WARWICK ;	
<i>Col. Benoni Waterman.</i>	
<i>Mr. Samuel Green,</i>	
<i>Mr. Joseph Iippit,</i>	
<i>Mr. Samuel Barton.</i>	

WESTERLY ; None.

NEWSHOREHAM ;

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Mr. Nathaniel Littlefield,  
Mr. John Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTON ;  
Col. Immanuel Northup,  
Edward Dyre, Esq;

SOUTH-KINGSTON ;  
Mr. Benjamin Hazard.

EAST-GREENWICH ;  
Mr. Giles Pearce,  
Capt. Thomas Spencer.

JAMESTOWN ;  
Mr. John Eldred,  
Mr. George Franklin.

SMITHFIELD ;  
Mr. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. Israel Wilkinson.

SCITUATE ; None.

GLoucester ; None.

CHARLESTOWN ; None.

WEST-GREENWICH ;  
Mr. Jeremiah Ellis,  
Mr. George Gardner.

COVENTRY ;  
Mr. Aaron Bowen,  
Mr. Eliza Johnson.

EXETER ;  
Capt. Job Tripp,  
Mr. Simon Smith.

MIDDLETON ;  
Mr. John Rogers,  
Mr. John Taylor.

BRISTOL ;  
Jonathan Peck, Esq;  
Major Thomas Green.

TIVERTON ;  
Capt. John Mancaster,  
John Howland, Esq;

LITTLE COMPTON ;  
William Hall, Esq;  
Mr. Joseph Wood.

WARREN ;  
Matthew Allen, Esq;  
Capt. Benjamin Barton.

CUMBERLAND ;  
Mr. Israel Whipple,  
Mr. Job Bartlet.

RICHMOND ;  
Capt. Richard Baley,  
Mr. John Webster.

Mr. Josias Lyndon, chosen Clerk  
of the House of Deputies.

The Persons whose Names here follow, having taken the Oath or  
Affirmation prescribed by the Law of this Colony, against Bribery and  
Corruption, are hereby admitted to give their Votes to chooote Officers for  
their respective Towns ; and also to give their Votes for the Choice of the  
General Officers of the Colony.

*N E W P O R T ;*

Henry Bull, John Clarke (Mariner) Elisha Gibbs, William Dyre, Caleb  
Goldfrey, Mathias King, Joseph Stacey, Thomas Borden, Moses Pitman,  
Jonathan Sabin, Jahleel Brenton, Ebenezer Fagg, William Weeden,  
William James, John Dennis (Mariner), Barnabas Hargell, Oliver Child,  
Cuthbert Campbell, Ebenezer Davenport, William Mumford, Charles  
Wickham, Nathaniel Coddington, Samuel Tillinghast, Henry Stacey,  
John Bristow, Pardon Tillinghast, William Lake, John Rouse, William  
Stoddard, John Goddard, James Cahoon, Joseph Currier, Israel Brayton,  
John Thurston (*Son of Jonathan*), James Rogers, John Coddington,  
George Shearman, Joseph Bell, Robert Gibbs, William Pinnegar, Solomon  
Townsend, John Jepton, James Hastings, Edward Wanton, Richard  
Ward, John Freebody, David Cheesborough, Daniel Russel, Eleazer  
Trivet, Handley Chipman, Francis Sandford, Caleb Arnold, William  
Clagget.

Clagget, jun. Henry Tisdale, Josiah Brown, William Hookey, Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Dyre, Henry Coggeshall, Henry Stevenson, William Clarke, John Warren (*Son of Joseph*), Lewis Sayer, Nathaniel Chapman, John Tweedy, John Sandford, John Easton (*Son of Samuel*), Clarke Brown, William Strengthfield, Jonathan Bardin, James Holmes, John Holmes Gardner, Godfrey Mallbone, jun. Robert Feeke John James (Caulker), John Brown, William Weeden, Stephen Hookey, Ralph Stanhope, Solomon Senter, John Bazzin, Clothier Pierce, jun. Nathan Townend, John Bryer, William Arnold, James Leach, Southcote Langworthy, David Melvil, William Brenton, Job Townend, jun. Joseph Gladding, Samuel Brown, and Pollipus Hammond.

*P R O V I D E N C E ;*

Arthur Fenna, Benjamin Eddy, William Harris, Richard Knight, William Olney, Solomon Drown, Jonathan Whipple, Nathaniel Waterman, Roger Kinnicut, Edward Arnold, Joseph Crawford, Charles Dyer, John Dyer, Joseph Randai, jun. William Dyer, Samuel Westcot, jun. John Hoyle, John Knight, Jacob Hartshorn, John Hawkins, David Roberts, Jonathan Bucklin, Daniel Burlingame, Charles Atwood, Stephen Olney, Arthur Fenner, jun. John Manton, Samuel Ladd, jun. Gideon Cumitock, and Paul Tew.

*P O R T S M O U T H ;*

Joseph Brownel, jun. Roger Burrington, Thomas Lawton, Caleb Shrieve, Robert Burrington, Job Almy, John Fish, John Burrington, George Sisson, William Allen (*Son of John*), Jonathan Allen, Clark Cornel, Samuel Albro, jun. Nathan Chase, Benjamin Lawton, Daniel Lake, Henry Brightman, Joseph Ward, Thomas Cory, John Cory, Joseph Brownel, Abiel Tripp, John Coggeshall, William Hall, jun. David Fish, and John Allen.

*W A R W I C K ;*

William Utter, William Gorton, Samuel Pearce, Rowland Barton, Azickani Pearce, Benjamin Tiffany Thomas Green, Stephen Green, Michael Levalley, Samuel Green, jun Stephen Colegrove, jun. Samuel Warner, Stephen Scranton, Thomas Wickes, Benjamin Wickes, Thomas Wickes, Elisha Green, jun. Philip Arnold, jun. Andrew Edmunds, Joseph Hedley, and Stukely Stafford.

*W E S T E R L Y ;*

Elias Thompson, Edward Saunders, jun Thomas Wells, Eleazer Brown, John Mackcoon, jun. Joseph Crumb, John Mackcarter, Joseph Mackcoon, Stephen Wilcox, Caleb Church, Zaccheus Runnolds, Edward Wells, Edward Wells, jun. Nathan Babcock, jun. James Bleavin, Ezekiel Burdick, James Wells, Joseph Runnolds, Hubbard Burdick (*Son to Hubbard*), James Saunders, John Maxson (*Son to John Maxson, jun.*), James Clarke, and Ishabod Clarke.

*N E W S H O R E H A M ;*

Edward Sands, Robert Hull, John Littlefield, Abel Franklin, Thomas Dickens, Samuel Rathbun, John Pain, Thomas Pain, John Ball, John Mott, Edward Ball, John Dodge, Jonathan Mitchel, John Rath' Thomas Mitchel, Daniel Rose, Caleb Littlefield, Nathaniel Littlefield, Stephen Franklin, Joseph Mitchel, jun. William Dodge, Samuel Dodge, and Nathaniel Mott.

*N O R T H - K I N G S T O N ;*

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John Spink, Jonathan Allen, Joshua Green, William Congdon, Peter Reynolds, jun. Joseph Smith, Samuel Phillips, Nicholas Northup, jun. Samuel Eldred, Nathaniel Havens, William Havens, William Hall, John Brown, George Wightman, jun. Samuel Boone, Joseph Corey, Samuel Warner, George Fowler, George Nichols, Nathaniel Carpenter, Samuel Albro, Samuel Ellis, Samuel Watson, Jeremiah Baker, Alexander Havens, John Bissell, Samuel Rathbon, George Wightman, Hutchinson Clark, and Alexander Huling, jun.

## S O U T H - K I N G S T O N ;

Thomas Taylor, Samuel Gardner, William Hull, Jireh Mumford, Sylvanus Greenman, Henry Gardner, Benedict Helme, John Sheldon (*Son of Isaac*), William Knowles, Peter Boss, John Smith, jun. Alexander Case, John Brown, Hezekiah Babcock, John Smith, Thomas Gardner, Oliver Hafzard, Samuel Wilson, Ephraim Smith, Latham Clark, and Nathaniel Perkins.

## E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Joseph Bealey, Peleg Spencer, William Sweet, Walter Spencer, Thomas Fry. Thomas Nichols (*Son of James*), Thomas Aldrich, Robert Whitford, Thomas Aldrich, Michael Spencer (*Son of Abner*), Thomas Nichols (*the third*), Duty Jarald, Charles Andrew, Josiah Jones, Thomas Nichols (*Son of Thomas, jun.*) Daniel Mattison, and Joseph Stafford.

## J A M E S T O W N ;

John Eldred, Matthew Grinnold, John Hull, and James Carr.

## S M I T H F I E L D ;

John Dexter, Leonard Smith, John Sayles, Joseph Smith (*the third*) Richard Harris, Jeremiah Mowry, Benjamin Pain, John Ballow, Joseph Smith, William Bates, Thomas Beadle, Nathan Staples, Israel Wilkinton, Joseph Herrenden, jun. Peter Barnes, Robert Latham, Preserved Harris, John Sayles, jun. Peter Ballow, jun. Uriah Arnold, John Malavery, Valentine Whiteman, jun. Job Angel, Daniel Cumstock, jun. Elijah Cook, Henry Blackman, Sylvanus Sayles, Thomas Herrenden, Stephen Sly, Elisha Arnold, Samuel Aldrich, jun. William Olney, Caleb Arnold, Job Arnold, Jonathan Harris, Benjamin Cook, William Brown, Thomas Arnold, John Man, jun. Elisha Mowry, Daniel Sayles, Richard Arnold, Ebenezer Catts, Oliver Mowry, Samuel Aldrich, and Daniel Cumstock.

## S C I T U A T E ;

Amos Hopkins, Henry Randal, jun. William Hammon, James Thornton, John Smith, Joseph Weatherhead, Ezekiel Hopkins, jun. Joseph Tucker, Oziel Hopkins, Charles Hopkins, Stephen Willbore, Ezekiel Hopkins, John Taylor, John Herrenden, Eliza Collins, jun. William Sheldon, Thomas Barnes, Nehemiah Angell, Chodd Aylworth, David Sprague, Joshua Angell, Amos Hammon, William Salisbury, Itaiah Angell, George Stone, Esther Patten, Jonathan Mowry, Jonathan Cole, Nathan Bates, Joseph Kimbell, Josiah Herrenden, Joseph Guile, Benjamin Bennet, Jonathan Bennet, John Howland, Joseph Hopkins, Simon Davis, Robert Whitman, Thomas Realph, John Wight, Job Shippee, Christopher Realph, George Willbour, Jonathan Pray, John Seamons, Samuel Wilkinson, Thomas Collins, William Seamons, Timothy Hopkins, Josiah Bennet, Henry Whitman, Joseph Wilkinson, Alexander Lovel, William Corey, Richard Calwell, John Lovel, and Samuel Perkins.

## G L O U C E S T E R ;

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Stephen Inman, Zachariah Jencks, Job Phettiplace, Stephen Smith, Robert Smith, Joseph Winsor, Abraham Smith, Elisha Herrenden, William Herrenden, John Whipple, and Edward Bishop.

*C H A R L E S T O W N;*

Daniel Peckham, Thomas Kinyon, Joseph Johnson, John Millard, John Halls, jun. Peter Halls, Nathaniel Lewis, John Congdon, and Daniel Peckham, jun.

*W E S T - G R E E N W I C H;*

Daniel Hill, jun. Hezekiah Matteson (*Son of Henry*), Joshua Gardner, Paica Whitford, Thomas Joslin, John Green, Nicholas Whittford, Abraham Mattison, David Whitford, Isaac Johnson, Griffen Sweet, Samuel Reynolds, Harris Weaver, William Sweet, John Weaver, Elisha Weaver, Christopher Hall, John Hopkins, John Gardner, John Cafs, jun. Thomas Cumstock, Samuel Niles, Joteph Dolliver, John Reynolds (*Son of Samuel*), and Benjamin Rogers.

*C O V E N T R Y;*

Caleb Colven, Benjamin Gorton, Josias Colven, Adam Cawson, Francis Brayton, Ephraim Tingley, Joseph Tillinghast, Daniel Cummins, Jonathan Nichols (*Son of Richard*), Ichabod Potter, Charles Andrew, and John Lee.

*E X E T E R;*

Thomas Gardner, Robert Moon, James Moon, Samuel Eldred, Philip Greene, John James, Samuel Weight, John Dawley, John Albro, Benjamin Potter, Samuel Dawley, John Rathbun, William Sunderlin, Jeffery Chapple, Joteph Rathbun, Joseph Rathbun, jun. Nathan Dawley, John Sweet, William Eldred, Samuel Baker, Robert Sweet, James Nichols, John Colegrove, and Jeffry Wilcox.

*M I D D L E T O W N;*

Nicholas Brown, James Barker, Edward Tew, Cornelius Clarke, Robert Lawton, William Barker, Joshua Coggeshall (*Son of James*), James Barker, (*Son of James, jun.*), Lawrence Clarke, William Peckham, Samuel Peckham, William Peckham, jun. Jeremiah Barker, William Wood, William Brown, William Barker, Samuel Rogers, jun. William Lawton, Joshua Coggeshall, (*Son of James*), and Robert Lawton.

*B R I S T O L;*

Mark Anthony D'Woolf, John Raynolds, Daniel Bradford, Samuel Clark, Isaac Wheeton, John Gladding, jun. William Oldrig, Jeremiah Bosworth, Michael Phillips, Jonathan Woodberry, jun. William Lindzey, James Gibbs, and Henry Bragg.

*T I V E R T O N,*

John Manchester, Esq. Samuel Snell, Joseph Anthony, Roger Cory, Thomas Cook, Thomas Weight, Edward Wanton, John Bordon, Samuel Hix, Samuel Durfee, Weston Hix, Stephen Cook, Thomas Howland, John Taber, Ephraim Wilcock, John Almy, Ebenezer Taber, Cornelius Soule, Philip Cory, Thomas Cook (*Son of Joseph*), George Cook, William Willcock, John Bennit, Benjamin Durfee, Peter Talman, John Jennings, Abraham Barker, Samuel Borden, Restcome Sandford, Oliver Bealey, Samuel Snell, jun. Joseph Taber, John Taber (*Son of John*), Samuel Hart, Jonathan Hart, William Sandford, Thomas Weight, jun. Peleg Sandford, Joshua Dwelly, Blake Peary, John Cook (*Son of Thomas*), Thomas Mosher, William Woodle,

Woodle, John Bowen, Samuel Sherman, William Shrieve, William Fish, William Manchester (*Son of Stephen*), Josiah Sawyer, David Lake, Joseph Jennings, Benjamin Macomber, Philip Taber, Joseph Taber (*Son of Philip*), Benjamin Chase, jun. William Elk, Thomas Fish, William Cory, Jonathan Davel, Isaac Howland, George Westgate, Benjamin Brayton, Thomas Anthony, Caleb Cory, Philip Gray, Thomas Gray, Edward Gray, William Gray, John Brown, Thomas Wilcock, Joshua Dwelly, jun. Joseph Wanton, John Cook, John Pearce, Benjamin Chase, Peter Davel, Daniel Earl, David Darke, Samuel Hart, jun. Smiton Hart, Job Durfie, Joseph Stafford, David Stafford, Abraham Stafford, Abner Chase, Josiah Wilcock, Giles Brownel, William Springer, Getham Woddel, Richard Tripp, James Weeden, Thomas Cook (*Son of John Cook*), Joseph Seaberry, Samuel Almy, Thomas Crandal, Paul Taber, Benjamin Hambly, Job Almy, William Manchester (*Son of John*), Daniel Earl, jun. John Sawyer, Oliver Cook, and John Thomas.

#### LITTLE COMPTON;

John Palmer, William Richmond, Samuel Gray, Caleb Church, William Simmons, Nathaniel Searls, jun. Henry Wood, George Routle, Sylvester Woodman, William Davis, Richard Hart, Joseph Peckcom, Robert Woodman, Samuel Tomkins, James Pearce, Benjamin Simmons, Samuel Wilbor, George Pearce, Robert Carr, William Grinell, Richard Grinell, Elitha Clap, Enos Gifford, William Simmons, jun. Edward Irish, Samuel Cook, Joseph Tomkins, Henry Wood, jun. Jephtha Pierce, William Pierce, John Palmer, jun. John Price, Thomas Baley, John Brownel (*Son of Margaret*), William Price, John Simmons (*Son of Joseph*), William Hall, Robert Taylor, John Hunt, Thomas Brownell, Isaac Willbor, Joseph Briggs, Thomas Burges, Lemuel Shaw, Walter Wilbor, Jeremiah Briggs, Jonathan Brownel, Constant Southworth, John Taylor, Thomas Stoddard, Henry Head, Joseph Wool, William Shaw, Joseph Davenport, William Wilbor, William Wilbor (*Son of Samuel*), John Brownel, Elisha Woodworth, Elihu Woodworth, William Briggs, Joseph Wilbor, Thomas Wilbor, Joseph Coe, Jeremiah Brownell, Anthony Shaw, John Gifford, Stephen Hart, Joseph Simmons, John Woodman, Samuel Gray, jun. Daniel Grinell, John Pabodie, Jeremiah Shaw, Charles Brownel, Oliver Hillard, John Wood, William Briggs (*Son of Job*), Sylvester Palmer, Joseph Wilbor (*Son of William*), Peter Shaw, Benjamin Church, Thomas Palmer, Samuel Baley, John Baley, Benjamin Shaw, Joseph Burges, Richard Brownell, George Baley, George Peirce, jun. William Head, Fobes Little, Thomas Little (*Son of Robert*), Peter Taylor, Joseph Palmer, John Bayley (*Son of William*), William Head (*Son of Henry*), John Horwell, William Hunt, John Irish, Benjamin Seabury, William Taylor, John Irish (*Son of David*), John Shrieve, Edward Church, Job Hunt, and Aaron Wilbor.

#### WARRINGTON;

Matthew Allen, Peleg Heath, Ebenezer Allen, Nathaniel Peck, James Smith, Josiah Humphry, John Adams, Benjamin Miller, Walter Hail, Joseph Allen (*the second*), Elijah Rawson, Ebenezer Garnsey, John Kinnicut, James Mason, William Eattabroke, John Eattabroke, Ebenezer Cole, Benjamin Cole, Nathan Miller, Joseph Butterworth, Caleb Carr, Solomon Peck, Samuel Barns, Samuel Low, James Brown, Joseph Mason, Ebenezer Adams, Joseph Vial, Daniel Peck, Samuel Allen, Ebenezer Allen, jun. Barnard Hail, Barnard Hail, jun. Hooker Low, Caleb Eddy, John Mason, Matthew Watson, Benjamin Barton, John Wheaton, John Cole, jun. Oliver Salsbury, Joshua Smith, Benjamin Smith, Richard Thomas, Benjamin Drown,

Drown, John Eattabrooke (*the second*), John Luther, Philip Short, James Bowen, Jonas Humphry, Benjamin butterworth, Edward Luther John Bitterworth, William Silsbury, Edward Bosworth, Samuel Miller, jun. Josiah Humphry, jun. John Kelly, John Child, John Martin, Nathaniel Eattabrook, Nathaniel Bowen, Samuel Bowen, Constant Vial, Josiah Kent, Joseph Grant, Ebenezer Martin, Joshua Bicknal, Joshua Bicknal, jun. Amos Thomas, Israel Peck, Thomas Cole, Ebenezer Luther, Ephraim Tiffany, Thomas Barns, Ebenezer Luther, jun. Richard Hail, Hezekiah Tiffany, John Allen, Richard Bullock, and Robert Eastabroke.

*C U M B E R L A N D ;*

Joseph Brown, James Ballow, Obediah Ballow, Josiah Cook, Samuel Bartlet, Job Bartlet, William Wallcot, Daniel Peck, Daniel Jencks, Nathaniel Jillson, jun. Joseph Staples, John Bartlet, Jeremiah Bartlet, Israel Whipple, Gideon Tower, Daniel Wilkinfon, Richard Aldrich, Daniel Whipple, Jeremiah Wilkinfon Joshua Hall, Daniel Smith, David Whipple, Jeremiah Whipple, Richard Darling, Benjamin Raze, Edward Smith, David Raze, Benjamin Brown, John Grant, Richard Esties, William Carpenter, John Dexter, Gideon Bishop, Benjamin Brown, jun. Peter Whipple, Samuel Whipple, Benjamin Tower, Daniel Whipple, jun. Joseph Raze, Joseph Brown, jun. William Wallcot, jun. John Bishop, Joseph Whipple, Stephen Sprague, Solomon Aldrich, John Cuts, Nathaniel Cook, Uriah Jillson, John Tower, Ichabod Peck, Bansfield Capron, Elisha Newell, Peter Darling, Arial Ballow, Ezekiel Ballow, Amariah Ballow, Ichabod Peck, jun. Daniel Peck, jun. Richard Aldrich, jun. Benjamin Davel, Ebenezer Barras, jun. Noah Bartlet, jun. Francis Inman, Stephen Brown, Jonathan Armsby, Jeremiah Inman, David Hogg, Jonathan Sprague, John Whipple, Ichabod Bosworth, Abraham Barras, Charles Capron, and Daniel Weatherhead.

*R I C H M O N D ;*

John Stanton, David Kinyon, John Bentley, David Kinyon, jun. John Tanner, John Teft, Thomas Rogers, Oliver Mius, Simeon Watson, Robert Moor, and John Enos, jun.

**A**T the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations in New-England, in America, begun and held at NEWPORT, in said Colony, on the first Wednesday of May, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c.

**P R E S E N T,**

The Honourable GIDEON WANTON, Esq; Governor.

The Honourable WILLIAM ROBINSON, Esq; Dep. Governor.

BENJAMIN HASZARD, Esq;	JOSEPH EDMONDS, Esq;
GEORGE WANTON, Esq;	EPHRAIM GARDNER, Esq.
WILLIAM RHOADES, Esq;	<i>Affl.</i> JEREMIAH NILES, Esq.
BENJAMIN TUCKER, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
GIDEON DURFLY, Esq;	<i>Affl.</i>

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES for the several Towns.

The

The Honourable *DANIEL JENCKS*, Esq; chosen Speaker.

NEWPORT ;	NORTH-KINGSTON ;	COVENTRY ;
Capt. <i>Thomas Wickham</i> ,	Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Aaron Bowen</i> ,
Capt. <i>Walter Chaloner</i> ,	Edward Dyre, Esq;	Mr. <i>Eliza Johnson</i> .
Mr. <i>Thomas Cranston</i> ,	SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	EXETER ;
Mr. <i>John Channing</i> ,	Col. <i>Thomas Hazard</i> ,	Capt. <i>Job Tripp</i> ,
Capt. <i>Jonathan Nichols</i> ,	Mr. <i>Benjamin Hazard</i> .	Mr. <i>Simon Smith</i> .
Mr. <i>James Sheffield</i> .	EAST-GREENWICH ;	MIDDLETOWN ;
PROVIDENCE ;	Mr. <i>Giles Pearce</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Rogers</i> ,
The Speaker,	Capt. <i>Thomas Spencer</i> .	Mr. <i>John Taylor</i> .
Mr. <i>John Angel</i> ,	JAMESTOWN ;	BRISTOL ;
Mr. <i>Henry Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Eldred</i> ,	<i>Jonathan Peck</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>John Potter</i> , jun.	Mr. <i>George Franklin</i> .	Major <i>Thomas Green</i> .
PORSCMOUTH ;	SMITHFIELD ;	TIVERTON ;
Mr. <i>Daniel Howland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jonathan Arnold</i> ,	Capt. <i>John Mancbridge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Oliver Earl</i> ,	Mr. <i>Israel Wilkinson</i> .	<i>John Howland</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>David Anthony</i> ,	SCITUATE ;	LITTLE COMPTON ;
Mr. <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> .	Capt. <i>Job Randal</i> ,	<i>William Hall</i> , Esq;
WARWICK ;	Capt. <i>Charles Harris</i> .	Mr. <i>Joseph Wood</i> .
Col. <i>Benoni Waterman</i> ,	GLoucester ;	WARREN ;
Mr. <i>Samuel Green</i> ,	Mr. <i>Richard Steere</i> ,	<i>Matthew Allen</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>Joseph Lippit</i> ,	Capt. <i>Richard Smith</i> .	Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton</i> .
Mr. <i>Samuel Barton</i> .	CHARLESTOWN ;	CUMBERLAND ;
WESTERLY ;	Col. <i>Joseph Tanton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Israel Whipple</i> ,
<i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>James Congdon</i> .	Mr. <i>Job Bartlet</i> .
Major <i>William Pendleton</i> .	WEST-GREENWICH ;	RICHMOND .
NEWSHOREHAM ;	Mr. <i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> ,	Capt. <i>Richard Bayley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nathaniel Littlefield</i> ,	Mr. <i>George Gardner</i> .	Mr. <i>John Webster</i> .

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, chosen Clerk of the House of Deputies.

This being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the respective Offices ascribed to their Names.

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREEN*, Esq; Governor; Engag'd.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ELLERY*, Esq; Dep. Governor; Engag'd.

*Peter Bur*, Esq; first Assistant; Engag'd.

*Abrahm Redwood*, Esq; second Assistant; who absolutely refusing, *John Gardner*, Esq, was chosen in his Room, and Engag'd.

*Robert Gibbs*, Esq; third Assistant; Engag'd.

*William Burton*, Esq; fourth Assistant; Engag'd.

*Stephen Brownell*, Esq; fifth Assistant; Engag'd.

*Robert Lawton*, Esq; sixth Assistant; Engag'd.

*James Arnoll*, Esq; seventh Assistant; Engag'd.

*William Richmond*, Esq; eighth Assistant; Engag'd.

*Daniel Coggeshall*, Esq; ninth Assistant; Engag'd.

*Jeffry Watson*, Esq; tenth Assistant; Engag'd.

*Thomas Ward*, Esq; Secretary; Engag'd.

*Daniel Updike*, Esq; Attorney General.

*Thomas Richardson*, Esq. General Treasurer; Engag'd.

*Samuel Lyndon*, jun. Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Col.

Col. *Benoni Waterman*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Lieut. Col. *Thomas Hazard*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Lieut. Col. *Jeremiab Lawton*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Lieut. Col. *William Brown*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Major *William Pendleton*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

Major *Wing Spomer*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Capt. *Richard Smith*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Capt. *Richard Bayly*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

*Gideon Cornel, Stephen Hopkins, Joshua Babcock, Jesiah Arnold, and John Howland*, Esqrs. Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the whole Colony.

*Samuel Wickham, Gideon Freeborn, Edward Scott, Daniel Gould, and Daniel Howland*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.

*Daniel Jencks, Jeremiab Lippit, Job Randall, Joseph Nichols, and David Cumstock*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.

*Stephen Hazard, William Spenser, Job Tripp, jun. Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.

*Jonathan Woodberry, Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, Joseph Russel, and James Mason*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.

*Thomas Ward*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Newport*.

*George Brown*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*.

Mr. *Benjamin Peckham, jun.* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Kings County*.

Mr. *Thomas Throop, jun.* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Bristol*.

*Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*John Mawny*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*.

*Thomas Green*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*JUSTICES of the Peace for the several Towns throughout  
the Colony.*

NEWPORT ;

Thomas Ward,  
Abraham Borden,  
Samuel Collins,  
Ebenezer Richardson,  
Barnabas Hargill,  
Nathaniel Coggeshall,  
Jonathan Tillinghast,  
Jeremiah Clark,  
Joshua Sayer.

PROVIDENCE ;

Henry Harris,  
Christopher Harris,  
Jabez Bowen,  
Ebenezer Jencks,  
Zuriel Waterman,  
Joseph Potter,  
Jeremiah Field,  
John Burton, *jun.*  
George Taylor,  
Joseph Harris,  
Henry Paget,  
Joseph Snow,  
Edward Sheldon.

PORTSMOUTH ;

William Sanford,  
Benjamin Hickes,  
Thomas Shearman,  
Giles Stocum, *jun.*  
Jonathan Pearce.

WARWICK ;

Samuel Stafford,  
John Warner,  
Samuel Greene,  
John Walton,  
James Green (*Son of*  
*William*),  
Jeremiah Randal,  
Jabez Green,  
Malachi Rhoades.

WESTERLY ;

William Bibcock,  
William Hern,  
William Pendleton,  
Benjamin Randal,  
Elizth Lewis,  
Joseph Cranial, *jun.*

NORTH-KINGSTON ;

Robert Hall,  
Edward Dyre, *jun.*  
Thomas Spener,  
Joseph Cafe,  
Robert Hafzard,  
Thomas Phillips,  
James Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTON ;

Isaac Sheldon,  
Samuel Tift, *jun.*  
John Cafe,  
Thomas Hafzard (*Son of*  
*Robert*),  
Robert Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH ;

William Spener,  
John Langford,  
John Olin,  
Henry Tibbits,  
Samuel Sowle,  
Rufus Greene.

SMITHFIELD,

William Arnold,  
Thomas Lapham,  
Thomas Sailes,  
William Jencks,  
Thomas Steere.

SCITUATE ;

Benjamin Fisk,  
John Tyler,  
Gideon Harris,  
John Edwards.

GLoucester ;

Richard Steere,  
Andrew Brown,  
John Smith,  
Abraham Tourtelot.

CHARLESTOWN ;

John Hill,  
James Congdon, *jun.*  
Benjamin Hoxsie.

WEST-GREENWICH ;

Thomas Carpenter,  
Samuel Hopkins,  
Petered Hall,  
William Cumlock.

COVENTRY ;

Elisha Johnson,  
Randal Rice,  
Thomas Matteson,  
John Waterman,  
Robert Green,  
Samuel Bayley.

EXETER ;

Nicholas Gardner,  
Jeffry Champlin,  
Peleg Tripp,  
George Reynolds.

MIDDLETON ;

Thomas Gould,  
Edward Easton,  
John Green,  
Edward Tew.

BRISTOL ;

Samuel Howland,  
George Dunbar,  
Nathaniel Bosworth,  
Nathaniel Pearce,  
William Munro.

TIVERTON ;

Joseph Anthony,  
Philip Tabor,  
Restcome Sanford,  
Weston Hickes.

LITTLE-COMPTON ;

William Hall,  
Robert Taylor,  
Samuel Willbore,  
Joseph Wood,  
Nathaniel Sears, *jun.*

WARREN ;

James Smith,  
Benjamin Millar,  
Samuel Low,  
John Kinnicut.

CUMBERLAND ;

Job Bartlet,  
Samuel Bartlet,  
Israel Whipple.

RICHMOND ;

James Rogers,  
John Webster,  
Joseph Clark,  
Samuel Telt,  
Stephen Richmond.

Walter

*Walter Chaloner, Captain of Fort George, on Goat-Island;*

*Samuel Freibay, Lieutenant of the same Fort,*

*John Gardner, Esq. Commissary.*

*James Holmes, Captain of the Colony's Sloop Tartar.*

*Daniel Vaughan, Lieutenant of the said Sloop.*

The Honourable *Gideon Wanton, Esq;* and *Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Daniel Updike, Edward Scott, James Arnold, George Brown, and Gideon Cornell, Esqrs.* the Grand Committee or Trustees of the Colony, for the Signing of Bills of Publick Credit, &c.

*Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, is chosen and appointed to take and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Monies due, and to be due thereon. And he is also hereby empowered to make and give proper Acquittances and Ditcharges on the Mortgages, or otherwise upon his Receipt of any of the Colony's Money; and in Case of Nonpayment, he is likewise hereby empowered to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make due Payment.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *John Gardner, Esq;* Capt *Thomas Wickham, and Capt. Walter Chaloner, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait on the Honourable Gideon Wanton, Esq; late Governor, in order to receive of him the Colony's Charter, Seal, and whatever else he hath in his Hands belonging to the Government;* and when received, to deliver the same to his Honour the present Governor, giving and taking Receipts.

Whereas this Assembly have determined to refer the Choice of Officers of the several Companies or train'd Bands in the Colony, until their next Sessions; yet as it is necessary the Companies or train'd Bands should have Officers to command them, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That all those Officers now in Commission, be and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices until the next Session of this Assembly.

*It is also Voted and Resolved,* That the Committees of the several Towns chosen last Year for the Management of the Colony's Money, let, and to be let, be, and they are hereby continued in their Offices until the next Session of this Assembly.

Whereas Messrs. *Benjamin Hazard, James Sheffield, and Thomas Cranston,* were by the General Assembly, at their last Session, appointed, they, or the major Part of them, to be a Committee to burn the Money in the Hands of the Grand Committee, paid in for Tents, and the Money in the General Treasury, paid in of the Rate, and make Report to this Assembly at this present Session: But the said Committee having informed that they had not perfected that Busines, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That the said Committee be, and they are hereby continued for the Purpose aforesaid; and they, or any two of them, enabled to finish and compleat the Affair, and make Report thereof to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That Capt. *John Brown (Merchant), Capt. Thomas Wickham, and Mr. James Sheffield, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect and examine the Stores at Fort George, and see what Necessaries are wanting, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Deputy Governor, *Samuel Wickham*, Esq; Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, Messrs. *Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sheffield*, be a Committee, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized to audit the Accounts of the late General Treasurer, and receive of him all and every the Bonds, Monies, Books, Papers, and whatever else he hath in his Custody belonging to the Colony, and deliver the same to the present General Treasurer, giving and taking Receipts. And they, or the major Part of them, are hereby also impowered to audit the Commissary's Accounts, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at its next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Capt. of Fort George enlist as soon as possible, thirty Men to serve at said Fort as Soldiers; and that upon the same Terms such Soldiers were enlisted the last Year. And if it shall so happen, that a sufficient Number be not enlisted within fifteen Days after the Rising of this Assembly, that then the Field Officers of the County of *Newport*, shall by his Honour the Governor's Warrant, cause to many Men as will make up that Number, to be impressed within the County of *Newport*, for that Purpose.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Troops raised in this Colony for the Expedition intended against *Canada*, and lately disbanded, shall be paid their Arrears in Bills of Publick Credit, at Nine Hundred *per Cent.* Advance, upon the Sterling Wages.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colony's Sloop *Tartar*, shall be forthwith put in Commission, and man'd with ninety effective Men, including Officers, who shall be allowed and have the same Wages as were paid the last Year. And that the Commissary purchase six Months Provision for the Sloop, and put on board her not less thereof than will be sufficient for six Weeks at one Time. And that the Sloop cruise according to the Orders and Directions of his Honour the Governor, until the first Day of *October* next, or longer, if his Honour shall think proper. And the General Treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to supply the Commissary with such Sums of Money as shall be necessary to equip said Sloop, and purchase the Provisions aforesaid; as also Necessaries for Fort *George*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred until the next Session thereof; which is hereby appointed to be at *Newport*, on the second Monday of *June* next.

*At*

*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, begun and held at NEWPORT, by Adjournment, the second Monday in June, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

## P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ELLERY* Esq; Dep. Governor.

PETER BOURS, Esq;	Afft.	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	Afft.
JOHN GARDNER, Esq;		JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;	
ROBERT GIBBS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;		DANIEL COOGESHALL, Esq;	
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;	JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq;		

## The S E C R E T A R Y.

## D E P U T I E S for the several T O W N S.

The Honourable *DANIEL JENCKS*, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT ;	WESTERLY ;	Capt. <i>Charles Harris</i> .
Capt. <i>Walter Chaloner</i> ,	<i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq;	GLoucester ;
Mr. <i>Thomas Cranston</i> ,	Major <i>William Pendleton</i> .	Mr. <i>Richard Steere</i> ,
Mr. <i>John Channing</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Littlefield</i> .	Capt. <i>Richard Smith</i> .
Capt. <i>Jonathan Nichols</i> ,	<i>North-Kingston</i> ;	CHARLESTOWN ;
Mr. <i>James Sheffield</i> .	Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> ,	Col. <i>Joseph Stanton</i> ,
PROVIDENCE ;	<i>Edward Dyre</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>James Congdon</i> .
The Speaker,	SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	WEST-GREENWICH ;
Mr. <i>John Angell</i> ,	Col. <i>Thomas Hazzard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jeremias Ellis</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henry Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Benjamin Hazzard</i> .	Mr. <i>George Gardner</i> .
Mr. <i>John Potter</i> , jun.	EAST-GREENWICH ;	COVENTRY ;
PORTSMOUTH ;	Capt. <i>Thomas Spencer</i> .	Mr. <i>Aaron Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Daniel Hzwland</i> ,	JAMESTOWN ;	Mr. <i>Elisha Johnson</i> .
Mr. <i>David Anthony</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Eldred</i> ,	EXETER ;
Mr. <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> .	Mr. <i>George Franklin</i> .	Capt. <i>Job Tripp</i> .
WARWICK ;	SMITHFIELD ;	MIDDLETOWN ;
Col. <i>Benoni Waterman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Israel Wilkinson</i> .	Mr. <i>John Rogers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Samuel Greene</i> ,	SCITUATE ;	Mr. <i>John Taylor</i> .
Mr. <i>Joseph Lippit</i> ,	Capt. <i>Feb Randal</i> ,	BRISTOL ;
Mr. <i>Samuel Barton</i> .	D	Jonathan Peck, Esq;
		Major

Major <i>Thomas Greene.</i>	Mr. <i>Joseph Wood.</i>	Mr. <i>Job Bartlet.</i>
TIVERTON ;	WARREN ;	RICHMOND ;
Capt. <i>John Manchester,</i>	Matthew Allen Esq;	Capt. <i>Richard Baley,</i>
<i>John Hawland, Esq;</i>	Capt. <i>Benjamin Barton.</i>	Mr. <i>John Webster.</i>
LITTLE COMPTON ;	CUMBERLAND ;	
William Hall, Esq;	Mr. <i>Israel Whipple,</i>	

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the House of Deputies.

The Speaker being obliged to leave the Assembly, Mr. *Thomas Cranston* was chosen Speaker during his Absence.

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An A C T directing the Method of gaining a legal Settlement in any Town in the Colony, and for Removal of poor Persons from their illegal, to their legal Place of Settlement.

*W*HEREAS there is no Law of this Colony for determining a legal Settlement in any Town in the same, which often causes great Controversies between Towns, in the Removal of their Poor; and the Laws already in Force for Removal of poor Persons from their illegal to their legal Place of Settlement, not being so agreeable to the Constitution of this Government, as might be,

THE THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall gain any legal Settlement, or become Inhabitants of any Town in this Colony, but in the following Manner, viz. That if any Person or Persons coming into any Town in this Colony, with an intent therein to reside or settle, he or they shall within one Months Time after their so coming in, give publick Notice thereof to the Town Council of said Town, in writing under their Hands, as also the Place of their Birth, and last legal Settlement or Residence, and the Number of their Families (if any); and if approved of by the said Town Council, to be entered upon Record in the Town Council Book: And if such Person or Persons shall continue in said Town, without being warned out by order of said Town Council, for the space of one whole Year after such Notice given to the Town Council, he or they shall gain a legal Settlement thereby in said Town, and be proper Inhabitants thereof. Or if any Person or Persons shall purchase a Freehold to the Value of Thirty Pounds Sterling, in any Town in this Colony, that shall be deemed a legal Settlement likewite. Or if any Apprentice is bound out for any Term of Years, into any other Town than the Place of his or her Birth, and shall serve out his or her Apprenticeship in said Town, it shall be in his or her Election, when their Time is out, to be Inhabitants of the Town where they served their Time, or return to the Place of their Birth: But in case they return to the Place of their Birth when their Time is out, and there continue for the space of one Year, or be absent from the Town where they served their Time, for the space of one Year (unless it be at Sea or over Sea), that then they shall not have the Liberty of being Inhabitants thereof, but the Place of their Birth only.

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*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall reside in any Town in this Colony, and not legally settled therein, in Manner as is directed by this Act, who is become, or likely to become chargeable to said Town, it shall and may be lawful for one or more of the Overseers of the Poor of said Town, or the Town Serjeant thereof, to make Complaint or Information thereof to the Town Council of said Town. And in case the said Overseer or Overseers shall judge there is a Necessity of an Order sooner than the said Town Council is likely to meet, they shall give a Notification to the Town Serjeant to notify the said Town Council to meet, who upon such Notification, are required to meet; who are hereby fully empowered to enquire, either by the Oath of such poor Person or Persons, or otherwise, in what Town he or they was last legally settled, or if they find none, the Place of their Birth; and upon such Determination (in case it be in any Town in this Colony), they shall give an Order (under the Seal of the said Town Council, to be signed by their Clerk), to the Town Serjeant, or any of the Constables of said Town, to remove such poor Person or Persons to the Town where said Town Council shall determine he or they were last legally settled; or in case such poor Person or Persons have not obtained any legal Settlement since their Birth, then to the Place where he or they was born, and deliver him or them to one or more of the Overseers of the Poor of said Town, and leave an authentick Copy of their Order with the said Overseer: And in case such Overseer or Overseers shall refuse to receive such poor Person or Persons, he or they shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; to be recovered by an Action of Debt, by the Town Treasurer of the Town from which such poor Person or Persons was sent, to and for the Use of the Poor of said Town.

*PROVIDED NEVER THELESS, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Overseer of the Poor of any Town to which such poor Person or Persons shall be removed as aforesaid, shall think themselves aggrieved at the Determination and Order of the Town Council, for the Removal of any such poor Person or Persons, it shall and may be lawful for them, in Behalf of their said Town, to appeal (in case both Towns are in the same County), to the next General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the said County. And in case the Towns shall lie in different Counties, then to the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to be held in the County wherein the Town from which such poor Person or Persons was removed lies; and the Party appealing, shall be obliged to file Reasons of Appeal in the Clerk's Office of the Court to which he appeals, twenty Days before the setting of said Court; and the Clerk of said Court shall forthwith send a Copy of said Reasons of Appeal, to one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town from which such poor Person or Persons was sent, either of which, upon the Receipt of such Copy, are hereby fully empowered to appear at the Court where the Appeal is brought, to defend and maintain said Order of the Town Council; which Court shall have full Power to confirm or reverse the said Order, as to them shall appear agreeable to Justice, which Judgment shall be final. And in case the said Order shall be confirmed, that then the Town which appealed, shall pay the whole Cost of Court, in which shall be included the Charge of removing such poor Person or Persons. And in case the said Order shall be reversed, that then the Town from whence such poor Person or Persons was removed, shall pay Cost of Court,

Court, and also the Charge that the Town to which he or they was sent, have been at, for his or their Support, between the Times of Removal, and Determination of the Appeal. And such poor Person or Persons shall be removed back to said Town, at the proper Cost and Charge thereof, and Judgment shall be made up accordingly; which Cost and Charge shall be levied by an Execution against the Town Treasurer of each Town respectively.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That the Town Serjeant or Constable, who shall be charged with an Order for the Removal of any poor Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall have Power to go into any Town in this Colony, for putting such Order in Execution, and shall make true Return upon said Order, to the next Town Council of the Town that granted the same, which shall be lodged in the Clerk's Office, who shall give Copies thereof to any Person who shall desire the same; and shall take the same Fees as in other Cases. And in case any Town Serjeant or Constable shall refuse or neglect to put such Order in Execution, when delivered to him, such Town Serjeant or Constable, shall for every such Refusal or Neglect, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by the Town Treasurer, at the Inferior Court of the County in which the Town where said Forfeiture arises lies, to and for the Use of the Poor of said Town. And that the Serjeant or Constable that shall so remove any Person or Persons, as by this Act is directed, shall be allowed and paid at the Discretion of the Town Council, for his Trouble, out of the Treasury of the Town from whence such Person or Persons shall be removed.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid*, That in case it shall be found by the said Town Council, upon the Examination and Oath of such poor Person or Persons, or other Proof, that he or they belong out of this Colony, in any Town in the neighbouring Governments, that then the said Town Council shall certify the same in Writing, to be signed by their Clerk by their Order, and request some of His Majesty's Justices for said Town, to remove such poor Person or Persons (by Virtue of the Laws of *England*), to his or their proper Place of Abode.

**T**H E Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to the Command of the Militia in the several Towns ascribed to their Names respectively.

*N E W P O R T*;

*First Company*: Jonathan Heath, *Captain*; James Tanner, *Lieutenant*; Christopher Lindsey, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Benjamin Sherburn, *Captain*; Kendal Nichols, jun. *Lieutenant*; John Simpson, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Daniel Dunham, jun. *Captain*; John Pitman, *Lieutenant*; Henry Bliss, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company*: John Belitho, *Captain*; Oliver Beer, *Lieutenant*; Richard Whitelorn, *Ensign*.

*P R O V I D E N C E*;

*First Company*: Roger Kinnicut, *Captain*; Benjamin Eddy, *Lieutenant*; Jacob Harthorn, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: John Clark, *Captain*; John Warner, *Lieutenant*; William Dyre, *Ensign*.

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*Third Company* : Jonathan Olney, *Captain* ; John Waterman, *Lieutenant* ; Amos Westcot, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : Samuel Byles, *Captain* ; John Dexter, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Samuel Aborn, jun. *Ensign*.

*Fifth Company* : Matthew Manchester, *Captain* ; Jonathan Knight, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Burlingame, *Ensign*.

**P O R T S M O U T H C O M P A N Y ;**

Job Lawton, *Captain* ; George Lawton, *Lieutenant* ; John Fish, *Ensign*.  
*W A R W I C K* ;

*First Company* : James Carder, *Captain* ; Samuel Warner, *Lieutenant* ; Rufus Barton, jun. *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Thomas Wicks (Son of Thomas), *Captain* ; William Arnold (Son of Elisha), *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Hill, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Joseph Edmunds, jun. *Captain* ; Moses Budlong, *Lieutenant* ; William Battey, *Ensign*.

*W E S T E R L Y* ;

*First Company* : Elias Thompson, *Captain* ; Joseph Lewis, *Lieutenant* ; Elisha Clark, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Benjamin Randal, *Captain* ; Jonathan Wells, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Maccoo, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Samuel Gavit, *Captain* ; Joseph Crandal (Son of Joseph), *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Saunders, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : James Wells, *Captain* ; Matthew Green, *Lieutenant* ; Edward Robinson, *Ensign*.

**N E W S H O R E H A M C O M P A N Y ;**

Robert Hull, *Captain* ; John Dodge, *Lieutenant* ; John Littlefield, *Ensign*.

**N O R T H K I N G S T O N** ;

*First Company* : Jonathan Allen, *Captain* ; Arthur Aylsworth, *Lieutenant* ; William Dyre, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Samuel Albro, *Captain* ; Samuel Browning, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Eber Shearman, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Robert Havens, jun. *Captain* ; Samuel Thomas, *Lieutenant* ; Benedict Eldred, *Ensign*.

*S O U T H - K I N G S T O N* ;

*First Company* : Thomas Browning, *Captain* ; John Steadman, *Lieutenant* ; William Congdon (Son of Joseph), *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Latham Clark (Son of William, deceased), *Captain* ; Jirah Mumford, *Lieutenant* ; Tenent Tift, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Samuel Gardner, *Captain* ; Nathan Gardner, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Taylor, *Ensign*.

**E A S T - G R E E N W I C H** ;

*First Company* : Joseph Stafford, *Captain* ; Abiel Hall, *Lieutenant* ; Rufus Spencer, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Caleb Vaughan, *Captain* ; William Spencer, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Caleb Bayley, *Ensign*.

**J A M E S T O W N C O M P A N Y ;**

Samuel Slocum, *Captain* ; George Franklin, *Lieutenant* ; Edward Carr, jun. *Ensign*.

**S M I T H F I E L D** ;

*First Company* : Richard Harris, jun. *Captain* ; John Angell, *Lieutenant* ; William Brown, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Daniel Arnold, *Captain* ; Thomas Arnold, *Lieutenant* ; Stephen Sly, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Daniel Mowrey, *Captain* ; William Bates, *Lieutenant* ; Resolved Waterman, *Ensign*.

*S C I T U A T E* ;

*First Company* : Silvanus White, *Captain* ; Nehemiah Angell, *Lieutenant* ; Eliza Collins, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : James Brown, *Captain* ; Samuel Dorrance, *Lieutenant* ; George Dorrance, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : John Hulit, *Captain* ; Joseph Wilkinson, *Lieutenant* ; Ezekiel Hopkins, jun. *Ensign*.

*G L O U C E S T E R* ;

*First Company* : Timothy Wilmoth, *Captain* ; Silas Williams, *Lieutenant* ; James Cowen, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : John Smith, *Captain* ; Ezekiel Smith, *Lieutenant* ; William Callwell, *Ensign*.

*C H A R L E S T O W N COMPANY* ;

Peleg Cross, *Captain* ; Enoch Kinney, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Samuel Stanton, *Ensign*. *W E S T - G R E E N W I C H* ;

*First Company* : Ezekiel Whitford, *Captain* ; Daniel Hill, jun. *Lieutenant* ; John Albro, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : John Weight, *Captain* ; Joseph Nichols, *Lieutenant* ; Griffin Sweet, *Ensign*.

*C O V E N T R Y* ;

*First Company* : William Burlingame, *Captain* ; John Allerton, jun. *Lieutenant* ; James Greene, jun. *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Benjamin Nichols, *Captain* ; Alexander Dixon, *Lieutenant* ; John Wickes, *Ensign*.

*E X E T E R* ;

*First Company* : Samuel Gardner, *Captain* ; George Weight, *Lieutenant* ; Joseph Potter, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Peleg Thomas, *Captain* ; George Codner, *Lieutenant* ; John Rathbun (the third), *Ensign*.

*M I D D L E T O W N COMPANY* ;

John Barker, *Captain* ; Benjamin Smith, *Lieutenant* ; Nicholas Brown, *Ensign*. *B R I S T O L COMPANY* ;

Nathaniel Pearce, *Captain* ; Bennet Munro, *Lieutenant* ; John Throop, jun. *Ensign*. *T I V E R T O N* ;

*First Company* : Giles Brown, *Captain* ; William Manchester (Son of John), *Lieutenant* ; Cornelius Sowle, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Joseph Stafford, *Captain* ; Jonathan Davel, *Lieutenant* ; William Cook (Son of Joseph), *Ensign*.

*L I T T L E - C O M P T O N COMPANY* ;

Benjamin Seabury, *Captain* ; Jonathan Brown, *Lieutenant* ; Edward Irish, *Ensign*. *W A R R E N COMPANY* ;

Benj. Barton, *Captain* ; John Adams, *Lieutenant* ; Solomon Peck, *Ensign*. *C U M B E R L A N D COMPANY* ;

Israel Whipple, *Captain* ; Gideon Tower, *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Wilkinson, *Ensign*. *R I C H M O N D COMPANY* ;

Joseph Enos, jun. *Captain* ; James James, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Rogers, *Ensign*.

*Troop of Horse in the County of Newport* ;

Silvester Woodman, *Captain* ; Richard Grinnel, *Lieutenant* ; Samuel Bayley (of Little Compton), *Cornet*.

*Troop of Horse in the County of Providence* ;

Jeremiah Whipple, *Captain* ; John Levally, *Lieutenant* ; Henry Gardner, *Cornet*. *The*

The Committees chosen for the Management of the Colony's Money, let, or to be let, &c. in the several Towns, are as followeth.

NEWPORT ;	EAST-GREENWICH ;	EXETER ;
Benjamin Nichols, Nicholas Easton.	Thomas Spencer, Abner Spencer (Son of Michael).	Benoni Hall, John Weight.
PROVIDENCE ;	JAMESTOWN ;	MIDDLETON
Ezekiel Warner, Jonathan Randal,	Joseph Clark, Joseph Underwood.	Daniel Gould, John Rogers.
FORTSMOUTH ;	SMITHFIELD :	BRISTOL ;
John Coggeshall, Benjamin Hix.	Thomas Steere, Thomas Lapham.	Jonathan Peck, Thomas Green.
WARWICK ;	SCITUATE ;	TIVERTON ;
Jeremiah Lippit, Elisha Greene.	Job Randal, Charles Harris.	John Manchester, Thomas Howland.
WESTERLY ;	GLoucester ;	LITTLE COMPTON ;
William Babcock, Silas Greenman.	Richard Steere, Abraham Tourtelot.	John Hunr, William Willbor, jun.
NEWSHOREHAM	CHARLESTOWN ;	WARREN .
Robert Hull, Nathaniel Littlefield.	James Congdon, jun. Joseph Stanton, jun.	Matthew Allen, Benjamin Barton.
NORTH-KINGSTON ;	WEST-GREENWICH ;	CUMBERLAND ;
John Congdon, Edward Dyre, jun.	Jeremiah Ellis, George Gardner.	Job Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet.
SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	COVENTRY ;	RICHMOND ;
Jeffry Watson, Stephen Halszard, jun.	Caleb Green, George Hall.	Richard Baley, John Webster.

*Edward Thurston*, chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Colony.

*Peter Easton*, *Kendal Nichols*, jun. *Handley Chipman*, and *Andrew Hunter*, chosen Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Newport*.

*Benjamin Potter*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *South-Kingston*, in the Room of *Isaac Sheldon*, Esq; who refused.

*Caleb Allen*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Portsmouth*.

*Daniel Howland*, jun. chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town last mentioned, in the Room of *Thomas Shearman*, Esq; who refused.

*Matthew Manchester*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Providence*, in the Room of *John Burton*, jun. Esq; who refused.

*John Holden*, jun. chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*, in the Room of *Samuel Green*, Esq; who refused.

*Richard Smith*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Gloucester*.

*Robert Moon*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

*Edward Luber*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warren*.

*Robert Lillibridge*, chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Richmond*, in the Room of *James Rogers*, Esq; who refused.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings in Old Tenor Bills, be paid out of the General Treasury to *Mrs. Ann Franklin*, it being the Amount of her Account against the Colony, for furnishing Paper, and printing twenty-four Copies of the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and pass'd at their Session in October last. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Nineteen Pounds of like Money,

Money, be paid the said Mrs. *Ann Franklin*, out of the General Treasury, it being the Amount of one other Account of hers against the Colony, for furnishing Paper, and printing twenty-four Copies of the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session in *February* last.

Whereas a Committee was appointed by the General Assembly to receive and burn some of the Colony's Money, *viz.* What was paid in to the Grand Committee for Tents, and to the General Treasurer towards the Rate; who having performed that Service, Messrs. *James Sheffield*, and *Thomas Cranston*, being the major Part of them, made Report to this Assembly, that they had received of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, *Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds*, of which they had burnt *Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence*, and the Remainder, being *Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ten Pence*, made up of Bills emitted by the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and by the Colony of *Connecticut*, and some new Bills emitted by this Colony, they had return'd to the Grand Committee, judging it will be best to exchange it for old broken Money: And that they had received of *John Gardner*, Esq; late General Treasurer, *One Thousand Three Hundred and Eight Pounds, Four Shillings*, part of the Rate that was paid in, which they had burnt also. And the said Report being taken into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted, and the Committee aforesaid, is appointed to exchange the above-mentioned *Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ten Pence*, for old torn Money of this Colony, and burn the same, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at their next Session. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee receive of his Honour the Deputy Governor, the Bills in his Hands, which he received in Lieu of the Bills deposited with him, for exchanging the Bank emitted in 1740, and burn the same, and make Report thereof to the General Assembly. And that the said Committee receive also of his Honour the Deputy Governor, what remains of the new Money put into his Hands, for exchanging as aforesaid, together with the Bills unsigned in his Hands, and deliver the same to the General Treasurer (giving and taking Receipts for the same), who is hereby directed to proceed in making Exchange as aforesaid, as far as the Money to be put into his Hands will go.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Barton*, *William Richmond*, *Joshua Babcock*, and *Immanuel Northup*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the subject Matter of his Excellency Governor *Shirley's* Letter to the Government, and make Report thereof to this Assembly.

Whereas it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that *James Holmes*, Captain of the Colony's Sloop *Tartar*, notwithstanding the Vessel was not to go on a Cruize till mann'd with ninety effective Men, including Officers, on or about the twenty-first Day of *May* last, went to Sea with the Sloop, having but about sixty-five Hands on board: And that of his own Accord, having no Order nor Instructions from his Honour the Governor, that in his Cruize, on or about the twenty-second of *May*, he gave Chase to a Schooner not far from *Block-Island*, and came up with her near *Point Judith*. After a couple of Shot were fired, the Schooner struck. Capt. *Holmes* took Possession of her, and put his Lieutenant on board, with Orders to bring her in: That thereupon the Schooner (which was pretended

pretended to be a Flag of Truce, almost loaden, from *Leagan* on *Hispaniola*, to some of the Northern Colonies), sail'd on the West Side of *Conannicut*, came round and anchor'd at a Place called *Coddington's Cove*, where she was unladen of a Cargo of Sugar, &c. and afterwards brought publickly into this Port: Which Conduct of the Captain and Lieutenant of the Colony's Sloop, demand the Notice of this Assembly, *Who therupon Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours, Stephen Brownel, Daniel Coggeshall, and William Hall, Esqrs.* together with Messrs. *Walter Chaloner, James Sheffield, Benoni Waterman, and John Eldred*, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Conduct of the said Capt. *Holmes*, respecting the Premises: And if it shall appear to them, that he merits to be suspended the Colony's Service, that they suspend him until next Session of Assembly, and appoint another in his Room to command said Sloop in the mean Time: And also to examine and deal with *Daniel Vaughan*, Lieutenant of the *Tartar*, in the same Manner. And that the said Committee have full Power to summon Persons before them, to give Evidence concerning the Premises: And if the said Officers shall be found to have been guilty of male-conduct, that the Committee have, and Power is hereby given them, to commit the Offender or Offenders to Goal, or admit him or them to Bail, for his or their Appearance before this Assembly, at its next Session. And that his Honour the Governor commissionate such Captain and Lieutenant as shall be appointed by the Committee, if they shall appoint any.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours, and Jeoffry Watson, Esqrs. Mr. John Chauning, William Hall, and Joshua Babcock, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted Committee, to consider of the present Fees, Wages, &c. stated or allowed, and such others as may be thought proper to be stated and allowed by this Colony, to the several Officers that transact the Busines of the Publick within the same, and thereupon make a new Table of Fees, as they in their Dilcretion, shall think proper, and present the same to this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas *Thomas Nickols*, of *East Greenwich*, in the County of *Providence*, reprented unto this Assembly, that one *James Broadfoot*, an *Indian*, one of the Soldiers raised in this Colony for the Service of His Majesty, in the Expedition intended against *Canada*, who actually was embarked, and proceeded to *Martha's Vineyard*; from whence he return'd sick to the said *Thomas's* House, and so continued from the Eighteenth Day of *January*, 1746, until the Twenty-sixth Day of *June* following, when he died; during all which Time, the said *Thomas*, at the Request of the said *Broadfoot's* Lieutenant, took Care of him, and supply'd him with Necessaries: And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that the Sum of *Forty-four Pounds, One Shilling and Six Pence*, may be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury, as being a reasonable Charge, for his Trouble and Expences, and finding Houte-room and Fire-wood for the said *Indian*. And this Assembly having seriously consider'd the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Sum of *Forty four Pounds, One Shilling and Six Pence*, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Nickols* out of the General Treasury accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly, at their last Session, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the late General Treasurer, and receive of him all the Bonds, Money, Books, Papers, and other Things in his Custody, belonging

to the Colony, and deliver the same to the present General Treasurer, giving and taking Receipts: And the said Committee were also appointed to audit the Commissary's Accounts, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at their present Session: But as the Committee have not enter'd upon that Businets, and two of them, *viz.* His Honour the Deputy Governor, and *Samuel Wickham*, Esq; decline acting therein, *It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly*, That *Joseph Whipple*, and *Peter Bours*, Esqrs. *Capt. Walter Chaloner*, Mr. *Thomas Cranston*, and Mr. *James Sheffield*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to transact and perform the Matters and Things aforesaid, and make Report thereof to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *Gideon Wanton*, Esq; late Governor of this Colony, for his last Year's Salary, and extraordinary Service.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *William Robinson*, Esq; late Deputy Governor, for his last Year's Salary, and extraordinary Service.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Geoffry Watson*, Esq; and *Col. Thomas Hazard*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to wait on the late Deputy Governor *Robinson*, to receive of him the Duplicate of the Colony's Charter, and the same, when received, deposite with his Honour the present Deputy Governor, giving and taking Receipts, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, Old Tenor Bills, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to the Gentlemen of the Grand Committee, whose Names here follow, *viz.* *Gideon Wanton*, *Thomas Richardson*, *Edward Scott*, *Gideon Cornel*, *Benjamin Nichols*, and *Daniel Updike*, Esqrs. for their signing, &c. *Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, in Bills of the new Tenor, ordered to be made by an Act of the General Assembly, passed at Soutb-Kingston, in February last.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Cranston*, *George Wanton*, *Peter Bours*, *Samuel Wickham*, and *Jonathan Nichols*, Esqrs. five of the Committee of War, be allowed *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* each, out of the General Treasury, in full Satisfaction, for their Time and Trouble in that Employment, to be paid when they shall have thoroughly audited and compleated such of the Accounts relating to the Expedition intended against *Canada*, as yet remain unsettled; for which Purpose, the said Committee is farther continued by this Assembly.

Whereas *Col. William Hopkins* represented to this Assembly, that it is impracticable to repair *Pawtucket Bridge*, agreeable to the Vote of last February Sessions of Assembly, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Hopkins* be continued, and that he repair said Bridge; and that for that Purpose, he draw *One Hundred Pounds* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Superior Court of this Colony, which sat the first *Tuesday* in *April* last, in *King's County*, was adjourned to the Twenty-third Day of *May* following, at which Time the said Court fell, for want of Appearance of the Judges, and so all Businets lying before said Court, is stagnated, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Court be held on the third

third *Tuesday* of *July* next; and that all Actions, and other Business, lying before said Court, unfinished, be heard, tried, determin'd, and finish'd, in the same Manner, and as fully and compleatly, as if the said Court had sat at the Time to which the same was adjourned: And that the same Jurors that were to attend at the Adjournment of said Court, be notified, by a Precept from the Town Clerk to the Town Serjeant of each respective Town, to appear, and attend at the said Court, at the Time the same is to be held as above.

*William Richmond, Esq;* chosen one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, in the Room of *John Howland, Esq;* who refused.

*Mattbew Borden (Son of Joseph),* chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Newport.*

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Wages of the Soldiers at *Fort George,* be augmented to *Eighteen Pounds per Month,* including Board Wages.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Name of *John Bullison,* one of the Soldiers of the Company of the late Capt. *William Rice,* which was accidentally omitted in the Muster Roll of said Company, be inserted therein; and that the said *John Bullison* be paid his Wages, it appearing to this Assembly, that he hath done his Duty.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Robert Gibbs, Stephen Hopkins, and George Brown, Esqrs.* be sued by *Benjamin Nickols, of Newport,* one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, in Behalf of the Colony, in an Action of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds Damage,* for Breach of Trust, in receiving of the General Assembly, sundry Papers of great consequence, and neglecting to return the same: And that he employ one or more Attorneys in said Case: And that the Action be brought to the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be held in the County of *King's County:* And that the said *Benjamin Nickols* draw Money out of the General Treasury, to defray the Charge of said Suit.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Rates ordered to be levied on this Colony, be stopp'd 'till next Session of Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be referred to next Session of Assembly; and that the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, past at this and the last Session, by Beat of Drum, in *Newport,* within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and send Copies to each Town in this Colony, agreeable to Law, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And that this Assembly be adjourned 'till the Fourth *Monday* of *August* next, to *Newport.*

G O D S a v e t h e K I N G.

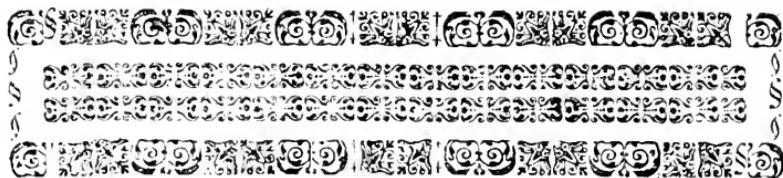
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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, begun and held by Adjournment at NEW PORT, the fourth Monday of August, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ELLERY*, Esq; Dep. Governor.

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WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
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The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Honourable *DANIEL FENCKS*, Esq; Speaker.

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Capt. <i>Walter Chauncer</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Potter, jun.</i>	Mr. <i>Samuel Barton</i> .
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PROVIDENCE ;	Mr. <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> .	Mr. <i>John Littlefield</i> .
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	Mr. <i>Samuel Green</i> ,	<i>Edward Dyre, jun.</i> Esq;

SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	Mr. James Congdon.	TIVERTON ;
Col. Thomas Hazard,	WEST-GREENWICH ;	Capt. John Manchester,
Mr. Benjamin Hazard.	Mr. Jeremiah Ellis,	John Howland, Esq;
EAST-GREENWICH ;	Mr. George Gardner	LITTLE-COMPTON ;
Mr. Giles Pearce,	COVENTRY :	William Hall, Esq;
Capt. Thomas Spencer.	Mr. Aaron Bowen,	Mr. Joseph Wood.
JAMESTOWN ;	Mr. Elisha Johnson.	WARREN ;
Mr. George Franklin.	EXETER ;	Matthew Allen, Esq.
SMITHFIELD ;	Capt. Job Tripp,	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
Mr. Jonathan Arnold,	Mr. Simon Smith.	CUMBERLAND ;
Mr. Israel Wilkinson.	MIDDLETOWN ;	Mr. Israel Whipple,
SCITUATE ;	Mr. John Rogers,	Mr. Job Bartlet.
Capt. Job Randal.	Mr. John Taylor.	RICHMOND ;
GLoucester :	BRISTOL ;	Major Richard Bailey,
Mr. Richard Steere.	Jonathan Peck, Esq;	Mr. John Webster.
CHARLESTOWN ;	Major Thomas Green.	
Col. Joseph Stanton,		

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

AN ACT to prevent profane CURSING and SWEARING.

*FOR AS MUCH as the horrid and impious Vices of profane Curseing and Swearing (so highly displeasing to Almighty God, and offensive to every Christian), are become very frequent among us, greatly to the Dishonour of the Government. AND WHEREAS the Laws now in Being, for the punishing these Crimes, have not answered the Intents for which they were designed; by Means of Difficulties in putting such Laws in Execution.*

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

*BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of September next, which will be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, every Person, who shall be convicted of profane Curseing and Swearing, before any Assistant, Justice of the Peace, or Warden, in any Town within this Colony, shall pay for such Offence, the Sum of Five Shillings New Tenor, to and for the Use of the Poor of such Town where such Offence shall be committed, together with the lawful Fees of Prosecution: And in case any such Person or Persons shall, after Conviction, offend the second Time, every such Person shall forfeit and lose double, and if a third Time, treble the Sum first recovered and forfeited by any Offender, for Curseing or Swearing as aforesaid.*

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons shall profanely curse or swear, in the Presence and Hearing of any Assistant, Justice, or Warden as aforesaid, such Officer is hereby impowered to make up Judgment, and issue forth an Execution, for the Penalty forfeited as aforesaid, for profane Curseing or Swearing; provided said Penalty be not paid directly by the Party so offending.*

*BE IT ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons offending as aforesaid, shall not be able, or shall not pay immediately the said Charges and Expences, it shall and may be lawful for the Assistant, Justice, or Warden, before whom such Offender has been convicted, to send him to the Stocks, there to remain at his Discretion, not exceeding three Hours.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons shall profanely curse or swear in the Presence or Hearing of any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Town Serjeant, or Constable, it shall and may be lawful for any and every such Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Town Serjeant, or Constable; and they, and each of them, are hereby authorized and required to seize, secure, and detain such Offender or Offenders, if unknown, and forthwith to carry him or them before the next Assistant, Justice, or Warden, for such Town or Place where such Offence shall be committed; and the said Assistant, Justice, or Warden, is hereby authorized and required, on the Oath of such Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Town Serjeant, or Constable, to convict such Offender, in Manner and Form as herein is before directed.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That two lawful Witnesses shall convict any Person or Persons offending as aforesaid, before any Assistant, Justice, or Warden as aforesaid: And henceforward no Person whatever shall have the Liberty of appealing from any Judgment given against him by any Assistant, Justice, or Warden, on being convicted as aforesaid.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Assistant, Justice, or Warden, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Town Serjeant, or Constable, shall wilfully and wittingly omit the Performance of his Duty, in the Execution of this Act, and be thereof convicted, by the Oath of two Witnesses, before any Court of Record in this Colony, he or they shall forfeit Five Pounds New Tenor, for the Use of the Colony, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, or more than one Imparlane.

*PROVIDED ALWAYS*, and it is hereby Enacted, That no Person shall be prosecuted for any Offence contained in this Act, unless the same be prosecuted within Ten Days after the Offence committed.

*BE IT ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act be publickly read, once a Year, at the Town Meeting for choosing Town Officers, in each Town within this Colony.

*BE IT FURTHER ENACTED* by the Authority aforesaid, That all former Laws heretofore made by this Colony, to prevent the aforesaid Offences, shall be repealed, and be deemed null and void, when this Act shall commence.

AN ACT to render the Session of the General Assembly, less precarious than it hath been hitherto.

*WHEREAS* the General Assembly has frequently fallen through for want of a major Part of the Deputies being present, which is not agreeable to the Priviledge granted by Charter.

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

*B E I T E N A C T E D*, That so many of the Deputies of the several Towns in said Colony, as shall be present, being duly elected, shall be deemed and allowed to be sufficient to constitute a Lower House, and impowered to adjourn from Day to Day, to prevent the falling through of the General Assembly: Any Custom, or Usage, to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

*A N D B E I T F U R T H E R E N A C T E D*, That every Member who shall be absent from any General Assembly, without a good Excuse, shall pay as a Fine to the Use of the House to which he belongs, the Sum of Forty Shillings for the first Day, and Twenty Shillings for every Day's Absence afterwards.

*I T is Voted and Resolved*, That each Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and each Town Council in the Colony, which hath not been already supplied with a Colony Law-Book, be immediately furnished with one, out of those in the Hands of the General Treasurer, to be deposited with their respective Clerks. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Treasurer dispose of what shall then be the Remainder of said Books, at Twenty Shillings each.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Officers and Men belonging to the Colony's Sloop *Tartar*, be discharged; that the Commissary take the Vessel into his Care, unbend her Sails, and put all her small Stores on Shore, taking an Inventory of them: That the Sloop shall lie at Anchor in the Road, and a Number of proper Persons, not exceeding four, be kept on board for her better Security: And in case it shall be found necessary to send her out upon a Cruize, that his Honour the Governor, or in his Absence, the Deputy Governor, with the Advice of such of his Council as shall then be within the County of *Newport*, appoint proper Officers to command said Sloop, furnish a Captain and Lieutenant, with proper Commissions, issue a Warrant for impressing a sufficient Number of Seamen, and send them forth against the Enemy, with all necessary Dispatch.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Chaloner* discharge all the Soldiers belonging to Fort *George*, Eight excepted: That nevertheless, if there shall be any Appearance of Danger, whereby it may seem the Defence of the Fort will require a larger Number of Soldiers, the Captain is hereby impowered to issue a Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, for the Impressing as many as he shall think necessary for that Purpose.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerks of all the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the Colony, on whom it may be incumbent, shall issue Executions, of the Judgments that have been in said Courts, obtain'd by the General Treasurer, against the several and respective Collectors of the last Rate, that Justice may be done the Government.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Forty Shillings be allowed Job Tripp, Esq; and paid him out of the General Treasury, for his Labour, Time, and Expence, in notifying Capt. Champlis, and his second Lieutenant, in the Year 1744.*

Whereas *Robert Kelly*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Rigger, represented unto this Assembly, That *Bryant Conner*, one of His Majesty's Subjects, who was late a Prisoner at *Logan*, in the French King's Dominions, on *Hispaniola*, was brought from thence in a Flag of Truce (*Robert Durfey* Master), to *Newport* aforesaid: And on his Arrival came to the said *Robert's* House very ill, and unable to go farther; where he staid until he died: And that as the said *Bryant* had neither Money nor Friends, the said *Robert* was obliged, at his own Expence, to furnish Necessaries, &c. whilst he lived, and after Death, to bury him; whereupon the said *Robert* prayed for Relief: On Consideration whereof, *this Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of the said *Robert*, respecting the Premises, amounting to Fifteen Pounds Four Shillings, be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury.

*And it is also Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings be allowed Dr. *Norbert Wigneron*, and paid him out of the General Treasury, for Medicine exhibited to, and Attendance on the aforesaid *Bryant Conner*, during the Sickness whereof he died.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Seventeen Pounds be allowed *Peleg Brown*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, and paid him out of the General Treasury, it being the Amount of four Accounts by him charged against the Colony, for his Service in notifying several Members of the Council and House of Deputies, four several Times in the Year 1746, to give their Attendance in General Assembly, pursuant to Warrants from his Honour the Governor, and his Honour the then Deputy Governor.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five Pounds in Bills of Credit of the New Tenor, be allowed Messrs. *John Webster* and *Stephen Hoxsey*, and paid them out of the General Treasury, for their Fees, Trouble, &c. in receiving and letting out the Town of *Charlestown*'s proportionable Part, being Two Thousand Pounds New Tenor, of the last Bank Money, emitted in the Year 1743, and making Return of the Sureties for the same, unto the Grand Committee.*

Messrs. *James Shifford*, and *Thomas Cranston*, being the major Part of the Committee which by a Vote of the last Assembly was continued for the Ends and Purposes therein mentioned, made the following Report, *to wit*,

“ We the Subscribers, being continued a Committee by the General Assembly in June Sessions last to exchange and burn Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence, which was Part of the Tenth Money, do report, That we have exchanged the aforesaid Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence, and have burnt the same.—

“ And likewise we were appointed a Committee at the above Sessions, to receive of his Honour the Deputy Governor, what Bills were in his Hands, which he had received in Exchange for the Bills lodged with him, for exchanging the Bank emitted in the Year 1740, and to burn the same: And also to receive what remained of the new Money that

" was put into his Hands to exchange as aforesaid ; and also what Bills  
 " were unsigned in his Hands, and deliver the same to the General Tre-  
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 " surer, do Report, That we have received of his Honour the Deputy  
 " Governor, One Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Three Shillings and  
 " Six Pence, which we have burnt ; and also Three Hundred and Sixty-  
 " four Pounds Nine Shillings, with four Sheets of Faces, and four Sheets  
 " of Backs, of unsigned Money, and have delivered the same to the Ge-  
 " neral Treasurer according to his Receipt herewith presented. Witness  
 " our Hands, this 23d of July, 1748.

" JAMES SHEFFIELD,  
 " THOMAS CRANSTON."

And now, this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration,  
 It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted and  
 approved ; and that the Sum of Eighty Pounds Five Shillings, be allowed  
 the said *James Sheffield* and *Thomas Cranston*, and paid them out of the Ge-  
 neral Treasury for the Service by them done the Colony, in their Com-  
 mittee-ship.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Josiah Arnold*, Esq; and *Mr. John Hell*,  
 both of *Jamestown*, and *Mr. John Gardner*, of *South-Kingston*, be a Commit-  
 tee, they, or the major Part of them, to purchase for the Colony's Use, the  
 two Ferry-Places on the West Side of *Jamestown*, with the two Ferry-Boats,  
 and all other Appurtenances, if the same may be had at a reasonable Rate,  
 and cheaper than to build new ; and take a good Deed of the same to the  
 Colony, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay thereto :  
 But if said Ferry-Places, Boats, &c. cannot be purchased upon better Terms  
 than to build, then the said Committee, or the major Part of them, are  
 hereby empowered and directed to build a good and suitable Pier or  
 Wharf, for a Ferry Place, at the West End of the Highway which runs  
 across said *Jamestown*, from Ferry to Ferry, and erect a suitable House on  
 said Highway, and purchase two suitable Ferry-Boats, as soon as conveni-  
 ently may be, for the Use of the Colony, and draw Money out of the Ge-  
 neral Treasury to defray the same ; and immediately to hire one or two  
 suitable Boats for transporting over the Ferry, and appoint proper Persons  
 to tend the same, until good Boats may be purchas'd : And that no other  
 Persons be licenced to keep a Ferry on the West Side of *Jamestown*.

Whereas *Joseph Whipple*, and *Peter Bour*, Esqrs. *Capt. Walter Chaloner*,  
 Messrs. *Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sheffield*, were by the General Assem-  
 bly, at their last Session, appointed, and they, or the major Part of them,  
 constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of *John Gardner*, Esq; late  
 General Treasurer, and to receive of him all the Bonds, Money, Books,  
 Papers, and other Things in his Custody, belonging to the Colony, and  
 deliver the same to the present General Treasurer, giving and taking Re-  
 ceipts : And also to audit the Accounts of the said *John Gardner*, Esq; as  
 Commissary. And the aforesaid *Joseph Whipple*, *Peter Bour*, *Walter Chaloner*,  
 and *Thomas Cranston*, having assumed that Province, made Report  
 to this Assembly, as follows, to wit, That they had examined the said Ge-  
 neral Treasurer and Commissary's Accounts, and found a Ballance of Three  
 Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds and Nineteen Shillings,  
 due from the said *John Gardner* to the Colony, which Ballance was paid to  
*Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the present General Treasurer, in their Presence :  
 That they had also received of the said *John Gardner*, all the Bonds, Books,  
 Papers, and other Things, appertaining to the General Treasury, and had  
 given

given him a Receipt for the same : And that they had delivered the said Bonds, Books, Papers, and all other Things belonging to said Office, to the aforesaid *Thomas Richardson*, and had taken his Receipt for the same, according as they are particularly mentioned and expressed in the said Receipt, which was by them delivered with their Report. And the said *Joseph Whipple*, *Peter Bours*, *Walter Chaloner*, and *Thomas Cranston*, further reported, That they had also examined the said *John Gardner*'s Account concerning the Ten Thousand Pound Rate, which by an Act of Assembly made and past at *Newport*, the Nineteenth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-four, was ordered to be levied on this Colony ; That on their Examination of said Account, they found a Balance of Two Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Two Pence, due from the said *John Gardner* to the Colony, which they received of him, and paid Mr. *Richardson*, observing withal, that Part of said Rate still remains unpaid by several Towns, as appears from the Account of Particulars, to which they had subjoin'd their Report, separate from that first above-mentioned. All and every whereof being taken into Consideration, is accepted and approved by this Assembly, Who thereupon *Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Labour, Pains, &c. in transacting the Business, be allowed, and Sixty-four Pounds, the Amount therof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Easton*, Town Serjeant of *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly, a Bill of Charges, amounting to Thirty Pounds Nine Shillings, by him drawn up against the Colony, for publick Services performed, and Money expended by him, &c. in *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-five : And the Assembly having taken the said Bill or Account into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty-five Pounds thereof be allowed and paid the said *John Easton* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *Peter Bours*, *Samuel Wickham*, and *Edward Scott*, Esqrs. for their Time and Care in directing the stating the Accounts of the *Canada Expedition*, and examining and inspecting into the same, in order that they might be transmitted to the Agent, and to Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles* (by Order of the General Assembly), in the Year 1747.

Whereas there has been presented to this Assembly, an Account, in the Hand-writing of the late Secretary *Martin*, of Services by him done the Colony, in 1744 and 1745, but no Price affixed to any of the Articles, and it seems no Satisfaction was ever made the Secretary in his Life, or his Executors since his Death ; the Assembly therefore do constitute and make, and Mssrs. *John Channing* and *Jessas Lyndon*, are hereby constituted and made a Committee, to examine the aforesaid Account, and report to the Assembly what they shall think ought to be allowed thereon.

Whereas *Edward Scott*, Esq; and the Secretary, were appointed a Committee to procure the Printing of all the Publick Laws now in Force, in this Colony, that have been made since the last Revisal and Printing th Laws. but have hitherto omitted doing the same, and the Secretary altogether

gether declines engaging in that Business, being in a bad State of Health; Wherefore this Assembly do constitute and appoint Mr. *James Gould* of *Newport*, to join Mr. *Scott* in the Secretary's Room.

Whereas Col. *Benoni Waterman*, and Mr. *Joseph Lippit*, represented unto this Assembly, That the Bridge over *Pauluxit River*, commonly called Capt. *Benjamin Green's Bridge*, is very much out of Repair: And as the same is in the Country Road, and of great Service to the Publick, they prayed a Grant of about *Seventy Pounds* out of the General Treasury, for repairing said Bridge. On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved by the Assembly*, That the said *Benoni Waterman*, and Mr. *Samuel Green*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to repair the Bridge aforesaid; and when it is compleated, that they draw out of the General Treasury, the Sum of *Seventy Pounds*, towards paying the Charge thereof.

Whereas the Commissioners that were appointed to run the dividing Line between the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and this Colony, did not go through that Work in every Part thereof; Whereupon, *It is Voted and Enacted by the Assembly*, That *Daniel Jencks, Henry Harris, and Stephen Hopkins*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed Commissioners to finish the running said Line, in Manner following, *viz.* Beginning at the Monument in the North-East Corner of the Colony, set up by the former Commissioners, where they left off, and from thence to run Westerly to *Connecticut* Line, agreeable to the Charter of this Colony; and that they meet the third *Tuesday* of *October* next, at Twelve o'Clock, at *Maze's*, in *Attleborough*, in order to begin said Work.

*And it is further Voted and Enacted*, That his Honour the Governor write to his Excellency the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, informing him of this Resolution, and to request that Commissioners may be appointed on the Part of the Province, to join with the Commissioners of the Colony, in order to perform the Business aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. *Benjamin Peckham, jun.* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, &c. within and for the County of *King's County*, for his Trouble in bringing from his Office several Papers belonging to the Colony, and delivering them to this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Benjamin Wyatt*, one of the Committee appointed to build the Colony House, deliver to Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, the said Committee's Clerk, all the Accounts, Papers, and Vouchers, which he hath in his Hands, concerning the Building said House, to be lodged with the rest of the Accounts and Papers thereunto relating.

Whereas *Job Randal*, of *Scituate*, Esq; represented unto this Assembly, that the two Bridges over the Rivers called *Angel's* and *Matthewson's*, on the great Road leading from *Providence* to *Plainfield*, are in so bad a Condition, that it is dangerous for Travellers to pass over them; and also, that there is Reason to fear the Bridges will in a little Time go intirely to Ruin, if some proper Person is not appointed to repair the same: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, for and towards repairing the Bridges aforesaid; that the said *Job Randal*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed

appointed to perform that Service : And that when it shall be compleated, he then draw the aforesaid Sum out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Enacted*, That *Benjamin Nichols*, of *Newport*, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, or Colony Trustees, be, and he is hereby impowered and directed to sue *Jableel Brenton*, Esq; late one of the Grand Committee or Colony's Trustees, to next November Court, at *Newport*, to render an Account of the Mortgage Bonds, and Bills of Publick Credit he hath received, belonging to the Colony ; And that said *Benjamin Nichols* be, and he is hereby directed and impowered to employ one or more Attorneys to manage the Suit, and to draw what Money shall be necessary for that Purpose, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their last Session in *Newport*, appointed *Peter Bours*, *Stephen Brownel*, *Daniel Coggeshall*, and *William Hall*, Esqrs. together with Messrs. *Walter Chaloner*, *James Sheffield*, *Benoni Waterman*, and *John Eldred*, or the major Part of them, a Committee, to enquire into the Conduct of the Captain and Lieutenant of the Colony's Sloop, &c. And the major Part of the said Committee, having assumed, and gone through the Burthen of that Province, made Report as followeth, to wit ;

*To the Honourable GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to inquire into the Conduct of Capt. *James Holmes*, Commander of the Colony Sloop *Tartar*, charged with Misdemeanours in his said Office ; and also into the Conduct of Mr. *Daniel Vaughan*, Lieutenant of said Sloop, with full Powers to continue or suspend said Officers, as should be found agreeable to Justice : In Pursuance of which, we have met, and had before us the said Capt. *Holmes*, and Mr. *Daniel Vaughan*, and on examining them, and several Evidences summoned before us, came to the following Resolutions. which we now Report.

*First.* That as to Capt. *Holmes*'s going out without Orders or Instructions from the Governor, *It was Resolved by the Committee*, That his going out without Orders or Instructions from the Governor, or the Deputy Governor, was a great Misdemeanour : But it appear'd to the Committee, that it was without any bad Design, and principally to keep his Men on Board, from deserting their Service.

*Secondly.* As to his Conduct in bringing too the Schooner refer'd to by *Act of Assembly*, and what was Consequent thereupon, *The Committee Resolv'd*, That it did not appear by the Evidences, that Capt. *Holmes* knew the said Schooner was a Flag of Truce at that Time ; but as she had been at *Jamaica*, and was furnished with a Clearance from the Custom-House of that Island (which was produced to the Committee), there is Room to allow, that Capt. *Holmes* might suppose her to come directly from thence : But the Committee was of Opinion, that he greatly erred, in putting his Lieutenant, Mr. *Daniel Vaughan*, on board said Schooner, as a Pilot to bring her in, as said *Vaughan* had the second Command on board the Colony Sloop.

*Thirdly.* As to the said Capt. *Holmes*'s not waiting upon the Governor, or in his Absence, the Deputy Governor, on his Return from his Cruize, *The Committee Resolv'd*, That it was a Breach of Duty, and that he ought on his Return, to have waited on the Governor, or in his Absence, the Deputy Governor, to have informed him of what had occur'd in said Cruize.

Upon the whole, tho' it appear'd to the Committee, that Capt. *Holmes* had been guilty of several Misdemeanours in his Conduct, as

• Captain of said Sloop, yet it was Resolv'd by them, that they did not amount to sufficient Caute for a Suspension from his aforesaid Post, of Captain of said Sloop.

• With Respect to Mr. *Daniel Vaughan*, the Lieutenant of the Sloop, it appeared to the Committee, that he was put on Board said Schooner, by Order of Capt. *Holmes*, his superior Officer: And altho' he declared to the Committee, that one Mr. *Right* on board her (who had with him a Copy of one Capt. *Haydon*'s Commission to command a Privateer Vessel, and which was produced to the Committee), ordered him to carry the Schooner to *Coddington's Cove*, yet the Committee were of Opinion, that he etred in complying with said *Right*'s Orders, and in not bringing her into the Harbour of *Newport*: But on considering the whole of his Conduct, and the Circumstances attending it, on Board said Schooner, *The Committee Resolved*, That there was not sufficient Cause for to suspend him from his aforesaid Office, of Lieutenant of said Sloop.

• *PETER BOURS*,  
• *STEPHEN BROWNEL*,  
• *WILLIAM HALL*,  
• *WALTER CHALONEE*,  
• *BENONI WATERMAN*.

*Newport, Augt 23. 1748.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Report aforesaid into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the said Report shall be, and is accepted of.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sums following be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, *wiz.* Three Pounds to *Peter Bours*, Esq; Four Pounds to *Stephen Brownel*, Esq; to *Daniel Coggeshell*, and *William Hall*, Esqrs. Four Pounds each; to Capt. *Walter Chalonee*, Three Pounds; and Col. *Benoni Waterman*, Four Pounds; it being for their Time, Trouble, and Expences, as a Committee, for examining into the Conduct of the Captain and Lieutenant of the Colony Sloop: *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Four Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. *Matthew Robinson*, who acted as Clerk to the said Committee.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bond given by *John Gardner*, Esq; late General Treasurer of this Colony, for the faithful Performance of his said Office, be delivered by the Secretary to Mr. *James Sheffield*, and that he deliver the same to the said *John Gardner*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to build a Peer and Ferry-House on the West Side of *Jamestown*, and procure Boats, &c. or the major Part of the said Committee, treat with *John Martin*, of *Jamestown*, or whorver owns the Peers, or Wharffs, and Ferry-Houses, on the West Side of *Jamestown*, and purchase or hire of him said Peers, or Wharffs, and Ferry-Houses and Boats, for the Use of the Colony, until those they are appointed to build, are fit for Use: And if he refuse to let the Colony have them upon reasonable Terms, that said Committee take Possession of the Southmost of said Peers, or Wharffs, on the West Side of *Jamestown*, and improve them for the Use of the Colony, and for accommodating the Inhabitants thereof; and that reasonable Damages be allowed by the Colony to the Owners thereof, for the same, during the Time they shall be improved for the Use of the Colony.

*Thomas*

Thomas Remington is chosen Lieutenant and Joseph Wickes Ensign of the second Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of Warwick.

John Dexter, jun. is chosen Captain, Samuel Aborn, jun. Lieutenant, and Stephen Hawkins, Ensign of the Fourth Company, or Train'd Band, in the Town of Providence.

Jeremiab Niles, Esq; is chosen a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, throughout the Colony, in the Room of Josiah Arnold, Esq; who refused.

William Hall, and John Channing, Esqrs, are chosen special Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to be held at South-Kingston, within and for the County of King's County, in a Case there pending upon a Writ of Review brought by Elias Thompson, of Westerly, against Daniel Stanton, of Philadelphia.

Whereas Capt. Thomas Lawton, of Bristol, in the Colony aforesaid, presented this Assembly with an Account amounting to Seventy-two Pounds by him drawn up against the Colony, for attending on the Governor and Council, and the Superior Courts, in the Affair of Dr. Stephen Tallman; which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That Forty-eight Pounds thereof be allowed and paid the said Thomas Lawton out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid Dr. John Brett, out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of his Account against the Colony, for Medicines, and Attendance on the Soldiers at Fort George, beginning the tenth Day of April, 1747, and ending the twentieth of July last.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Forty Shillings be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury to Simon Smith, for notifying the Grand and Petit Jurors of the Town of Exeter, to give their Attendance at the Superior Court of Judicature, lately held in South-Kingston, by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly, made and past for that Purpose.

*It is Voted and Resolved*. That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be refer'd to next Sessions of Assembly: And that the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, by Beat of Drum, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and send Copies to each Town in the Colony, agreeable to Law, within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And that this Assembly be adjourn'd 'till the Fourth Monday of October next, if call'd at said Time by his Honour the Governor, or Deputy Governor; but if not called before, nor at said Time, then to be dissolv'd: And that the Acts respecting the Ferries on the West Side of Jamestown, be immediately proclaimed.

G O D S a v e t h e K I N G.

Newport, August 29. 1748. *The Acts of Assembly respecting the Ferries on the West Side of Jamestown, were proclaimed this Day, according to Order; as were the rest on the sixth Day of September following, by*

THOMAS WARD, Secy.

*A true Copy Thos Ward Secy.*





*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations,  
in New-England, in America, begun and held at  
Providence on the last Wednesday of October, in the  
Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred  
Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of  
GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland,  
King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And in the Year of  
Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-  
eight.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor,

The Hon. WILLIAM ELLERY, Esq; Dep. Governor,

PETER BOURS, Esq; ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;  
ROBERT GIBBS, Esq; JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;  
WILLIAM BURTON, Esq; WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; *Affl.*  
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq; DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq; *Affl.*

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT ;	PROVIDENCE ;	Mr. Gideon Freebern, jun;
<i>George Wanton, Esq;</i>	<i>Daniel Jencks, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. John Allen,</i>
<i>api. Walter Chaloner,</i>	<i>Jonathan Randal, Esq;</i>	<i>Benjamin Tucker, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Thomas Cranston,</i>	<i>Stephen Hopkins, Esq;</i>	<i>WARWICK ;</i>
<i>Col Hezekiah Carpenter,</i>	<i>George Brown, Esq;</i>	<i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Nicholas Easton,</i>	<i>PORTSMOUTH ;</i>	<i>Mr. Samuel Barton,</i>
<i>Mr. James Sheffield,</i>	<i>Mr. Oliver Earl,</i>	<i>John Walton, Esq;</i>

WESTERLY ;	SCITUATE ;	Mr. Jonathan Easton.
Mr. John Larkin,	Capt. Job Randal,	BRISTOL ;
Mr. Benjamin Brown.	Capt. Charles Harris.	Jonathan Peck, Esq;
NEWHORFHAM ;		Major Thomas Greene.
None.		TIVERTON ;
NORTH-KINGSTON ;	CHARLESTOWN ;	None.
Col. Immanuel Northup.	Col. Christopher Champlin,	LITTLE COMPTON ;
SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	Capt. Nathanael Lewis.	William Hall, Esq;
Col. Thomas Hazard,	WEST-GREENWICH ;	Nathanael Seal, Esq;
Mr. Benjamin Hazard.	Mr. John Green,	WARREN ;
EAST-GREENWICH ;	Mr. George Gardner.	Capt. Benjamin Barton,
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	COVENTRY ;	Matthew Allen, Esq;
Capt. Thomas Spencer.	Mr. Aaron Bowen.	CUMBERLAND ;
JAMESTOWN ;	EXETER ;	Job Bartlet, Esq;
Mr. John Martin.	Mr. Benoni Gardner.	Israel Whipple, Esq;
SMITHFIELD ;	Mr. Pedigree Trip.	RICHMOND ;
Mr. Jonathan Arnold,	MIDDLETOWN ;	Mr. John Hlickes.
Mr. Israel Wilkinson	Capt. Robert Barker,	

The Honourable THOMAS CRANSTON was chosen Speaker.

And Mr. Jasias Lyndon Clerk of the House of Deputies.

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An ACT in Addition to an ACT, made and past by the General Assembly at their Session by Adjournment at South-Kingston, the Fourteenth Day of February, in the Seventeenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An ACT to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox, and other contagious Sickness in this Colony.

WHEREAS there is no Penalty provided in or by said ACT, for any Physician, Surgeon, or other Person or Persons, who shall refuse to do his, her, or their Duty, when lawfully required thereto.

WHEREFORE be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and immediately after the Publication of this ACT, if any Physician, Surgeon, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, who shall be lawfully required by either of their Honours the Governor, or Deputy Governor, or by any two Assistants, Justices, or Wardens, or by any Town Council in this Colony, to do any Duty relating to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox, or executing any Part of the aforementioned ACT, shall refuse or neglect to perform the same (the Performance thereof being in his, her, or their Power), such Physician, Surgeon, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, that shall so refuse or neglect, shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds. Lawful Money of this Colony ; to be recovered in the same Manner as the other Fines and Forfeitures are by the aforesaid ACT directed to be recovered.

*And it is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That this Act shall be forthwith proclaimed:—Which was accordingly done by the Secretary, on the second Day of November, 1748.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That his Honour the Governor draw Bills of Exchange on Mr. Partridge, the Colony's Agent in Great-Britain, for all their Money in his Hands: And that Peter Bours, Edward Scott, and George Wanton, Esqrs. Mr. James Sheffield; The Speaker, and Stephen Hopkins, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to sell said Bills to the best Advantage, for ready Money: That when they have so done, they exchange all the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments they receive in Pay, for Bills of Credit of this Colony, and bring the whole to the General Assembly at their next Session, that the same may be burnt, in order to sink such of this Colony's Bills, as by Acts of Assembly are to be first sunk.*

*And it is also Voted and Resolved, That if Messrs, Oliver and Phillips apply to the aforesaid Committee, respecting the Bill of Exchange drawn on them by the Agent, and will pay that Bill at the same Rate as the Committee sell to other Persons, that then they receive the same; otherwise that said Bill be sent back to the Agent.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Twenty-eight Pounds in Bills of Credit of the Old Tenor, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to William Holden, Esq; and Major Joseph Stafford, for their letting out Two Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit of the New Tenor, in the Year 1745.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Jencks, Henry Harris, and Stephen Hopkins, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed Commissioners, to run the Northern Boundary Line of the Colony, from the Stake set up by Nathanael Woodward and Solomon Saffery, in the Year 1642, upon Wrentham Plain Westerly, so as it may (at Connecticut River), be two Miles and an half to the Southward of a West Line; and that said Line be run clear through to said Connecticut River, according to an Agreement made between the Commissioners of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay and this Colony, October the 22d, 1718. And that they meet the first Monday in April next, at Peletiah Man's, in Wrentham, in order to begin said Work. And that his Honour the Governor write to his Excellency the Governor of the Massachusetts-Bay, informing him of this Resolution, and to request that Commissioners be appointed on the Part of that Government, to join with our Commissioners, to perform the Businels aforesaid.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Forty-two Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence, be allowed and paid John Warkman out of the General Treasury; it being for Iron and Work by him provided and done on the Prison House in Newport.*

*Whereas Joseph Turpin, of Providence, in the County of Providence, represented unto this Assembly, That on the Twenty-first Day of May last he casually fell into the Sea, having a Quantity of Bills of Publick Credit emitted by this Colony, in his Pocket, which was thereby lost: and*

and thereupon prayed to be refund the like Sum. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Eighty-eight Pounds be paid to the said *Joseph Turpin*, by *Benjamin Nickols*, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, out of the Tenth Money paid into his Office to be burnt; and upon producing a Receipt for the same, he shall have Credit for said Sum as burnt.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Three Shillings, be allowed *Col. William Hopkins*, and paid him out of the General Treasury; Three Hundred and Twelve Pounds Three Shillings of it, being for the Ballance of his Account for repairing *Pawtucket Bridge*, and the Forty Pounds above that Sum, for his Service in procuring materials, and overseeing the Work.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Fifty-six Pounds Ten Shillings be allowed *Am and James Franklin*, and paid them out of the General Treasury, for Paper, and printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Sessions in *Newport*, in *May, June, and August* last.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Speaker of the Lower House, *John Gardner, Daniel Coggeshall, George Wanton, and Samuel Wickham*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit all the Agent's Accounts that have not yet been audited; and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*And it is also Voted and Resolved,* That the Secretary procure a suitable Book, and trancribe into the same, all the Agent's Accounts now before this Assembly; and also all other his Accounts which shall be sent to this Colony from time to time hereafter.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Colony's Sloop *Tartar*, together with all her Appurtenances, Stores and Provisions (excepting the warlike Stores), be sold by the Commissary at a Publick Vendue to the highest Bidder, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And that the Commissary give Publick Notice of the Sale, with a List of the Stores, Appurtenances, and Provisions: The Price to be paid down into the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Commissary settle with *John Bolison*, one of the Soldiers lately raised for the intended Expedition against Canada, and give him an Order to the General Treasurer for what shall appear to remain due to him of his Wages.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* The Report made by *Mr. James Sheffield*, that he hath receiv'd of the Secretary, the late Treasurer *Gardner's* Bond, and delivered the same to him, shall be, and is hereby accepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That His Honour the Governor send home to *Mr. Partridge*, the Colony's Agent in *Great-Britain*, Copies of the Muster Rolls of the Officers and Soldiers intitl'd for the Expedition intended against *Canada*, together with a well attested Copy of Governor *Shirley* and Governor *Knowles's* Order for the Settlement of their Pay, and direct the

the Agent to make Application for the Repayment thereof by the Crown: And that the former Committee, *viz.* *George Wanton, Esq;* *Mr. James Skefford, Stephen Hopkins, Esq;* and *Capt. Robert Hazard*, prepare said Copies, and deliver them to his Honour; and that said Committee render an Account of all their Proceedings to the General Assembly, at their next Session: And that his Honour the Governor draw Bills for Payment of the above-mentioned Pay, to the Agent.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Robert Gibbs, William Hopkins, Daniel Jencks, Stephen Hopkins, and George Brown, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the Queries sent from the Board of Trade to this Colony, and prepare an Answer thereto, and lay the same before this Assembly at their next Session: That in the mean Time the Town Council of each respective Town in the Colony, be, and they are hereby directed to appoint a proper Person to take an Account of the Inhabitants of each Town, Whites, Indians, and Blacks, and deliver said Account to the said Committee: And that the same Committee take into Consideration the Letter from *Chambers Ruffel, Esq;* Judge of the Vice Admiralty, and Report thereupon to this Assembly at their next Session: And that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Vote to each Town Clerk in this Colony.

Whereas *William Hall* and *John Channing, Esqrs.* were by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport*, the fourth Monday of *August* last, chosen and appointed special Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, in the County of *King's County*, in a Case there pending upon a Writ of Review brought by *Elias Thompson of Westerly*, against *Daniel Stanton of Philadelphia*, but were not impowered to consider, act upon, and perfect any Thing formerly done in the Case: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted,* That the said *William Hall* and *John Channing, be, and they are hereby impowered to hear, determine, and finish all and every the Matters and Things proper for the Court to do, respecting said Case, from the original Commencement thereof by the said *Daniel Stanton* against the said *Elias Thompson* and others, until the Case shall be finally determined: And that the said *William Hall* and *John Channing* be commissioned accordingly.*

Whereas *Josiah Arnold, Esq;* and *Mr. John Hull, both of Jamestown, and Mr. John Gardner, of South-Kingston*, were by the General Assembly appointed a Committee, they, or the major Part of them, to purchase for the Colony's Use, the two Ferry Places on the West Side of *Jamestown*, with the two Ferry Boats, and all other Appurtanances, if the same might be had at a reasonable Rate, and cheaper than to build new, &c. and having undertaken and gone through that Work, made the following Report of their Doings, &c.

*" Colony of Rhode Island, Jamestown, October 22. 1748.*

*" PURSUANT to an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, held at Newport by Adjournment, the 28th of August, A D. 1748, We the Subscribers do Report as followeth, viz. That we having met and duly considered the Expence of Buildings suitable for Ferrying from the West Side of Jamestown to the Main, and the Sea-*

“ son being so far spent, that we had no Hopes of compleating the same, “ so as to accommodate the Country this Winter, thought it best to buy “ those already erected there; and have purchased the same of *William Martin*, for the Consideration of Three Thousand One Hundred and “ Fifty-five Pounds, in Bills of Publick Credit, and have taken a Deed “ of the same, made to the Governor and Company of the Colony of “ *Rhode-Island*; which Deed we have lodg'd in the Clerk's Office, in “ order to be recorded, but the same cannot be done at present, there “ being no Money in the Treasury to discharge those Bonds and Mort- “ gage for which the Land is Surety, or we should have presented your “ Honours with the Deed; One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds of the “ above Sum being in Tenth Bonds, the remaining Sum of Three Thou- “ sand Pounds we have given Bond for Payment in two Months, with “ Interest, at Ten per Cent. which we hope your Honours will take into “ Consideration, and order the Money rais'd to discharge the same, lest “ we should be Sufferers in the Affair.

“ We also acquaint your Honours, that we have agreed with *Thomas Spencer* to keep the Ferries two Months, at the Rate of Two Hundred “ Pounds per Annum, he being a Person who we well know is capable of “ tending and taking proper Care of the Boats in stormy Weather; and “ as your Honours are well sensible, that the purchasing of the Ferries was “ for the better accommodating of the Publick, we doubt not but your “ Honours will be of Opinion, that not every Person who may appear “ eager to give the greatest Rent for the Ferries, and perhaps for want of “ Care and Judgment in the Affair, may lose one or both the Boats, will “ be so suitable to serve the Publick, as one who is capable of carrying “ Passengers with Safety, and taking that due Care of the Boats which “ sometimes requires a good deal of Judgment in bad Storms. We “ would further inform your Honours, that both the Wharves want some “ Repairs, the Northernmost not being sufficient to land at low Water, “ so that all the Boats are obliged to come to the South Wharff, which “ oftentimes is attended with a good deal of Difficulty, by running each “ other on Shore, and Passengers oblig'd to jump their Horses into the “ Water, and oftentimes land and take on board through two or three “ Boats, so that Travellers Horses are many Times larr'd by that Means; “ all which we thought proper to inform your Honours of.

“ *Josiah Arnold*,  
“ *John Hull*,  
“ *John Gardner*.”

Which Report being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*. That the same be, and it is hereby accepted: And that the Committee aforesaid be still continued; that they make such Repairs at the aforesaid Ferry-places, as are necessary at present; that they let out said Ferry-places until the Session of Assembly in May next; and draw Money out of the General Treasury, and discharge the aforesaid Bonds and Mortgage of the Premises, as well as the rest of the purchase Money.

Whereas the Keeper of His Majesty's Goal in the Town of *Providence*, and others, have represented unto this Assembly, that by Reason of the Shallowness of the Prison Well, Water is got there with great Difficulty one half of the Year, which Inconvenience may be remedied by digging the Well deeper: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*,

*Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff of the County of Providence inspect into the aforesaid Well; and if he shall think it best that said Well be dug deeper, that he order the same to be done, and lay the Charge thereof before the General Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Nine Pence, be allowed Capt Joseph Olney, and paid him out of the General Treasury, for making and mending Glass Windows in the County House and Goal in Providence.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Secretary put forth a Citation against Mr. Richard Fenner, to cause him to appear before this Assembly at their next Session, to account for the Money which he drew out of the General Treasury, for building a Bridge over Pockasset River in Plainfield Road.

Whereas Thomas Howland and Company, Owners of the Sloop *Rebeccab*, have represented unto this Assembly, That the Sloop aforesaid being at Sea, under the Command of Mr. Gideon Wanton, jun. on the fifteenth Day of last September, was attacked and taken by an armed Vessel, commanded by *Santo Jago de Roach*, a Subject of the King of Spain, and by him carried as Prize into the Dominions of the King of Spain in the West-Indies, and there detained contrary to the late Treaty of *Aix la Chapelle*: That they being apprehensive that the Vessel will not only be detained there a long Time, but also be stript of her Cargo and Appurtenances, unless they can find a Way to apply to the Spanish Government in the West-Indies for Restitution: Whereupon they prayed to have a Commission from his Honour the Governor, under the Seal of the Colony, with Leave and Power to carry unto the Spanish Governor, or other Minister by whom said Vessel is detained, attested Copies of the Treaty aforesaid, and to demand that the said Vessel be restored, &c. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly doth Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby empowered and requested to qualify a proper Vessel, and Persons for the Purpose aforesaid: That all Persons in this Colony, under the same Circumstances with the Petitioners, have the Privilege of joining with them, in sending proper Persons, Papers, &c. in the same Vessel, for recovering their Rights: And that the Proof of all Matters and Things necessary to be done, in order to obtain the Ends aforesaid, be made before his Honour the Governor, and by him certified under the Seal of the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Account of John Hoyle, Town Serjeant of Providence, wherein he hath charged for his Attendance on the General Assembly, this present Session, for Wood, and cutting the same, for Nails and Candles by him provided for the Use of the Publick, be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings, paid out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved.* That the Suit brought against Stephen Hopkins and George Brown, Esqrs. by Benjamin Nichols, Esq; in Behalf of the Colony, at Kings County Court, be, and the same is hereby discontinued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred and Three Pounds Ten Shillings, be allowed *James Arnold*, Esq; and paid him out of the General Treasury, it being the Amount of his Account, for his Trouble and Expences in repairing the great Bridge at *Pautuxit Falls*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Eleven Pounds be allowed *Benjamin Gerkam*, and paid him out of the General Treasury; Four Pounds of it for attending on the General Assembly, begun and held at *Providence*, the Twenty-seventh Day of *January*, 1746, and the Remainder for the like Service, this present Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary proclaim by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within thirty send Copies thereof to each Town in the Colony, according to Law: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby Adjourned until the Fourth Monday in *February* next, and then be held at *Providence*.

GOD Save the KING.

*Published according to Order, by*

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*:

*A true Copy* *Thos Ward Secy*





*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, held at Providence, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of January, being the Third Day of said Month, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c. being specially called by a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of his Honour the Governor.*

P R E S E N T.

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ELLERY*, Esq; Dep. Governor.

*JOHN GARDNER*, Esq; *ROBERT GIBBS*, Esq; *WILLIAM BURTON*, Esq; } *JAMES ARNOLD*, Esq; *Ass't. JEFFREY WATSON*, Esq; } *Ass't.*

D E P U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. *THOMAS CRANSTON*, Speaker.

NEWPORT ; The Speaker.	WARWICK ; <i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;	NORTH-KINGSTON ; Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> .
PROVIDENCE ; <i>Daniel Jencks</i> , Esq;	<i>John Walton</i> , Esq; Capt. <i>Amos Lockwood</i> .	Capt. <i>Daniel Fones</i> . SOUTH-KINGSTON ; None.
<i>Jonathan Randal</i> , Esq; <i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , Esq;	WESTERLY ; <i>Mr. John Larkin</i> ,	EAST-GREENWICH ; <i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;
<i>George Brown</i> , Esq;	<i>Mr. Benjamin Brown</i> .	Capt. <i>Thomas Spencer</i> . JAMESTOWN ; <i>Mr. George Franklin</i> .
PORTSMOUTH ; <i>Mr. Gideon Freeborn</i> , jun.	NEWSHOREHAM ; None.	SMITHFIELD ;
<i>Mr. John Allen</i> .		

SMITHFIELD ; Mr. Jonathan Arnold,	WEST-GREENWICH ; None.	TIVERTON ; None.
Mr. Israel Wilkinson,	COVENTRY ; Mr. Aaron Bowen.	LITTLE-COMPTON ; None.
SCITUATE ; Capt. Job Randal,	EXETER ; Mr. Benoni Gardner.	WARREN ; Capt. Benjamin Barton,
Capt. Charles Harris.	MIDDLETOWN ; Capt. Robert Barker,	CUMBERLAND ; Job Bartlet, Esq;
GLoucester ; Mr. Richard Steere,	Mr. Jonathan Easton.	Israel Whipple, Esq;
Mr. Joseph Windsor.	BRISTOL ; None.	RICHMOND ; Mr. Joseph Clarke, Mr. John Hicks.
CHARLESTOWN ; Col. Christopher Champlin,		
Capt. Nathanael Lewis.		

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the House of Deputies.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Robert Gibbs, Stephen Hopkins, Daniel Jencks, and George Brown, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the Letter from his Excellency Governor Shirley, with the other Papers relating to the Paper Currency, and make Report thereon to this Assembly, at their next Session.*

Whereas *Thomas Fry, jun.* one of the Deputy Sheriffs of the County of Providence, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account, amounting to the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds and Six Pence, by him charged against the Colony, for his Horte-hire and Expences, and four Days by him spent in warning some of the Magistrates and Deputies, to give their Attendance, and make this present Session of Assembly; which being taken into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixteen Pounds (and no more), of the said Account, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Fry*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Account of Capt. Thomas Spencer, charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Ex- pences, in going a Journey on the Publick Service, to Joshua Babcock, and Jeremias Niles, Esqrs. be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Seven-teen Pounds Twelve Shillings, be paid him out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *William Dean* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account, amounting to the Sum of Ten Pounds, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences in going to *Newport*, for Judge *Cornel*, in the Month of *September* last; which being taken into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eight Pounds (and no more), of the said Account, be allowed and paid the said *William*, out of the General Treasury.

*An ACT for the Relief of Joseph Fox, now under Confinement in  
his Majesty's Gaol in Newport.*

WHEREAS Joseph Fox of Newport, in the County of Newport, Scrivener, represented unto this Assembly, That he is, and hath been for almost two Years last past, confined to His Majesty's Goal in Newport, for one Debt only, which amounting to near Three Thousand Pounds,

Pounds), he is altogether unable to pay, and moreover ought in Justice to be paid out of the Estate of the late *John Gidley, Esq;* That he has nothing but his Pen to maintain himself, his Wife, and several Children: That his Earnings are but trifling, as he is confined, compared with what they might be, if he had his Liberty: And that it is next to an Impossibility for him to extricate himself out of those deplorable Circumstances, without Relief from this Assembly; whereupon he humbly prayed, That a Lottery may be set on Foot, to raise the Money for which he is imprisoned, the Sum being too large for him even to hope to be got by private Charities. And whereas the greater Part of the principal Gentlemen and Merchants of the Town of *Newport*, and others, have under their Hands certified to this Assembly, that the Facts by the said *Joseph Fox*, in his aforesaid Petition related, are absolutely true; for which Reason they also prayed for such a Lottery as the said *Fox* hath petitioned for.

All and every whereof being duly considered,

*B E IT ENACTED* by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said *Joseph Fox*, to propose to the Publick, and set forth a Lottery of Two and Thirty Thousand Pounds. Old Tenor, according to the Scheme hereunto subjoined: And that *John Gardner*, and *John Channing, Esqrs.* *Messrs. Thomas Wickham*, and *Stephen Wanton*, all of *Newport*, be, and they are hereby constituted Managers or Directors thereof, with full Power and Authority, to do, transact, and perform all and every the Matters and Things necessary and expedient for filling and drawing the said Lottery: Provided the said Managers or Directors give sufficient Bond to the General Treasurer, for their Fidelity, and following the same Rules that the Directors of the *Providence Lottery*, for building *Weybott Bridge*, were obliged to observe.

Here followeth the S C H E M E referred to above.

2	of	£. 1000	are	£. 2000
3	of	500	are	1500
4	of	400	are	1600
5	of	300	are	1500
6	of	200	are	1200
20	of	100	are	2000
40	of	50	are	2000
100	of	20	are	2000
400	of	15	are	6000
500	of	8	are	12000

2080 Prizes.

31800

5920 Blanks.

First Ticket drawn 100

Last Ditto 100

8000 Tickets, at Four Pounds per Ticket, is - - £. 32000  
Twelve and an half per Cent. to be deducted.

*An ACT for the Meeting and Sitting of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery in Providence, for the County of Providence, on Monday, the Twenty-third Day of January, Anno Domini 1748.*

W H E R E A S the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, within this Colony, did meet and sit in Providence, for the County of Providence, on the second Tuesday of September last past, and did not then finish any of the Business before said Court, but adjourn'd said Court until the first Monday of December then next coming; at which Time there not being a sufficient Number of the Judges present (by Reason of Sicknes), to constitute a Quorum, the said Court could not proceed to do any Business, although many Things of very great Concernment to the Colony in general, as well as to the Interest of private Parties, were then before said Court, but could not be tried, for the Reason aforesaid: And now to the End that there may be no Failure of Justice in this Colony.

B E I T E N A C T E D by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and for this Colony, do meet, and sit, and hold the said Court at Providence, for the County of Providence, on Monday the Twenty-third Day of this Instant January; and that all Matters and Things, whether Civil, Criminal, or mixt in Nature, that were depending, and ought to have been heard and tried before the said Court, on the second Tuesday of September last past, and on the first Monday of December last past, be heard, tried, and determined by the said Court, when met as aforesaid.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Warrants, Writs, Declarations, Complaints, Pleas, and Pleadings, Appeals and Reasons of Appeal, Bonds, Recognizances, and Depositions, and Executions, and all Returns whatsoever, and generally all other Matters, Things, and Disputes whatsoever, that were or ought to have been before the said Court, on the said second Tuesday of September, and first Monday of December last past, be hereby declared to be good, binding, and effectual, for the several Purposes for which they, or any of them, were intended and designed, at the Court to be held as aforesaid, as the same were, or could have been, at either of the said Times of the said Court's meeting, that are past as above-mentioned*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Gentlemen of the Grand and Petit Juries, who were drawn and chosen to serve at the said Court, on the said second Tuesday of September last past, do attend on the said Court, on the Twenty-third Day of January aforesaid, and there do the Duty for which they were chosen; and in Default thereof, to be subject to the same Fines and Penalties, as by Law they were subject to, on the said second Tuesday of September last, if they had not then appeared.*

*And*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That his Honour the Governor give forth Warrants to the several Sheriffs of this Colony, commanding them to notify all the Judges of the said Court, residing within their several Counties, of this A&t, and requiring their Attendance at the Time and Place above-mentioned, for holding of said Court; and also ordering the said Sheriffs to notify the Attorney General, and all Attorneys in their respective Counties, who commonly practice at said Court, of the Time and Place of its Sitting; and particularly commanding the Sheriff of the County of Providence, to give timely Notice to all the aforesaid Jurors, that their Attendance is required at said Court: And that said Sheriff set up Notifications in all publick Places in the County of Providence, informing all Persons concerned in said Court, of the Time of its sitting.

*And further it is Voted and Resolved,* That this Act be immediately published: *And it was published accordingly by the Secretary.*

Both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, in order to chuse a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, in the Room of *Jeremiah Niles*, Esq; who refused to assume that Office, tho' Elected: In Consequence whereof, *John Walton*, Esq; was chosen a Judge of said Court.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Samuel Thomas*, Lieutenant of the third Company, or train'd Band, in the Town of North-Kingston, be promoted and made Captain thereof, in the Room of *Robert Havens*, jun., who refused: That *Benedict Eldred*, Ensign of said Company, be promoted and made Lieutenant thereof, in the Room of said *Samuel Thomas*; and *Ebenezer Brown*, Ensign of said Company, in the Room of said *Benedict Eldred*.

Whereas *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, hath resigned his said Office, and the Assembly accepted his Resignation: Whereupon both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, in order to choose another in his Room. In Consequence whereof, *Jonathan Randal*, Esq; was chosen a Judge of said Court, in the Room of the said *Stephen Hopkins*.

Whereas *Gideon Cornel*, Esq; chief Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, hath resigned his said Office; and this Assembly accepted his Resignation: Whereupon both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, in order to choose another Judge. In Consequence whereof, *William Hopkins*, Esq; was chosen one of the Judges of said Court.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. shall take Place, and succeed each other, in the following Order, *to wit*:

*JOSHUA BABCOCK*, Esq; as Chief Judge.

*JONATHAN RANDAL*, Esq; as Second Judge.

*WILLIAM HOPKINS*, Esq; as Third Judge.

*WILLIAM RICHMOND*, Esq; as Fourth Judge.

*JOHN WALTON*, Esq; as Fifth Judge.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be referr'd unto the next Session thereof: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned unto the last Monday in February next, then to meet at Providence.

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England; in America, begun and held at Providence, within and for the Colony aforesaid, by Adjournment, on the last Monday of February, being the Twenty-seventh Day of said Month, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c. And in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor

PETER BOURS, Esq;	} <i>Affl.</i>	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
JOHN GARDNER, Esq;		JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
ROBERT GIBBS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNE, Esq;		

D E P U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Speaker.

NEWPORT ; <i>George Wanton, Esq;</i>	WARWICK ; <i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i>	SOUTH-KINGSTON ; <i>Col. Thomas Hazard.</i>
Capt. Walter Chaloner, The Speaker,	Mr. Samuel Barlow, <i>John Walton, Esq;</i>	EAST-GREENWICH ; <i>Joseph Nichols, Esq;</i>
Col. Hezekiah Carpenter, Mr. Nicholas Easton,	Capt. Amos Lockwood.	Capt. Thomas Spencer.
Mr. James Sheffield.	WESTERLY ; Mr. John Larkin,	JAMESTOWN ; Mr. George Franklin.
PROVIDENCE ; Daniel Jencks, Esq;	Mr. Benjamin Brown.	SMITHFIELD ; Mr. Jonathan Arnold,
Jonathan Randal, Esq;	NEWSHOREHAM ; None.	Mr. Israel Wilkinson.
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	NORTH-KINGSTON ; Col. Immanuel Northup.	SCITUATE ; Capt. Job Randal,
George Brown, Esq;	Capt. Daniel Fones.	Capt. Charles Harris.
PORTSMOUTH ; Mr. John Allen.		GLoucester :

Gloucester;	Mr. Pedigreen Trip.	Nathanael Searl Esq;
Mr. Richard Scire,	MIDDLETOWN;	WARREN;
Mr. Joseph Windsor.	Capt. Robert Barker,	Capt. Benjamin Barton,
CHARLESTOWN;	Mr. Jonathan Easton.	Matthew Allen, Esq;
Col. Christopher Champlin,	BRISTOL;	CUMBERLAND;
Capt. Nathanael Lewis.	Jonathan Peck, Esq;	Job Bartlet, Esq;
WEST-GREENWICH;	Major Thomas Greene.	Israel Whipple, Esq;
Mr. George Gardner.	TIVERTON;	RICHMOND;
COVENTRY;	Mr. Edward Wanton,	None:
Mr. Aaron Bowen.	John Howland, Esq;	
EXETER;	LITTLE-COMPTON;	
Mr. Benoni Gardner,	William Hall, Esq;	

Mr. Jefas Lyndon, Clerk of the House of Deputies.

WHEREAS there have been sundry Persons who have mortgaged their Lands to this Colony, and have left the same, or died therein, and left no personal Estate to satisfy and pay their Bonds due to said Colony, either Interest or Principal; and no Law directs the Grand Committee to put their Mortgages in Suit till the Tenth become due, which is to the great Disadvantage of said Colony.

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That the Grand Committee of said Colony, be, and are hereby fully directed and authorized to put all Mortgage-Deeds in Suit, given to said Colony, by any Person or Persons that hath, or have left, or shall leave this Colony, or is, or are dead, or shall die therein, leaving no personal Estate to satisfy their Bonds due to said Colony.

And it is further Enacted, That when any Writ or Writs, have, or shall be taken out against any Person or Persons living in said Colony, for the Recovery of Money due to the Colony, by his or their Bond, or Bonds as abovefaid, and have or shall be return'd, that neither Body nor Estate can be found, that then the said Grand Committee shall put his or their Mortgage Deed or Deeds in Suit, for the Recovery of the Land mortgaged for Security of said Debt or Debts due by said Bond or Bonds: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding

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An ACT to prevent Hogs going at large in the compact Parts of the Towns of Newport and Providence.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this ACT, no Person dwelling in the compact Parts of the Towns of Newport and Providence, within this Colony, shall permit any Hog or Swine to run at large in any of the Streets, Highways, or Commons, within the

the compact Parts of said Towns, or either of them, upon Pain of forfeiting all and every such Hog or Swine so going, or running at large. And it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, being a Freeman or Freeman of either of said Towns, upon finding any Hog or Swine running or going at large in any of the Streets, Highways, or Commons, within the compact Parts of said Towns, or any of them, to seize and take all Hogs and Swine, so found, and them, and every of them, to convert to his, her, and their own proper Use, as they may think fit, without being any Way answerable, or accountable for the same.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the compact Part of the Town of Newport, shall in, and by this Act, be understood to be within a Line drawn from the South West Corner of Samuel Dyre's Land, to the South East Corner of said Samuel Dyre's Land ; from thence to the House commonly known by the Name of Richard Long's ; from thence to the East End of Taylor's Lane ; and from thence West, into the Harbour or Salt Water : And the compact Part of the Town of Providence, shall be understood by this Act, to comprehend all the Lands to the Southward of a West Line, from the Western End of the Lane called Herenden's Lane, to the Mill River ; and an East Line from the East End of said Lane, to Seacook River ; and lying between said Rivers, to the Southward, till they meet and shall extend Westward, over Weybosset Bridge, on both Sides the Highway, as far as the parting of the Roads by Mr. John Heyle's House.*

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*An ACT to prevent the Fish being stopp'd in their Course up Paucatuck River.*

*BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the Colony aforesaid, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons whatsoever, owning Land in this Colony, adjoining to said Paucatuck River, or possessing the same, shall suffer any Dam or Ware to be erected, or extended across said River, to their Land, or the Land in their Possession, in this Colony, or shall suffer any Sayne or Ware to be extended across said River, and there to stand for more than two whole Days in one Week ; which Days shall be Tuesdays and Fridays, and no other Days ; or shall any other Ways obstruct the Course of said Fish, otherwise than by halting after the common Manner of Sayning Fish, on the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, at the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of King's County, where the Parties offending, shall be liable to be bound to appear by any Assistant or Justice to whom Complaint is made.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons having Dams already erected across said River, shall from the Twentieth Day of March, to the Twentieth Day of May annually, leave a Space or Breach in each and every Dam, ten Feet wide to the bottom of the River or Mud-Sill, if requir'd thereto, for the Fish to take their Course through, upon*

upon the Penalty aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid, on Failure of opening, and keeping open such Dam, for the Time aforesaid; one half to the Informer, and the other half to the General Treasury.

*And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon Complaint being made to any Assistant or Justice, against any Person, for the Breach of this Act, or any Clause thereof, it shall be lawful for such Assistant, or Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order the Person complained of, to be brought before him; and if upon Examination, the Complainant shall not be able to produce any other Evidence against him, than such Circumstances as render it highly probable, in the Judgment of such Assistant, or Justice, yet said Assistant or Justice shall bind the said Person complained of as aforesaid, in Bond, with sufficient Sureties, to answer the said Complaint, at the then next General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for said County; where if the Complainant shall not be able to produce positive Evidence against him, and yet it shall appear to said Court by Circumstances, that it is highly probable that the Person so complained of, is guilty; that then, and in every such Case, he shall be deemed guilty, and Judgment shall be made up against him, for the Penalty of this Act.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Act heretofore made, to prevent the Fish being stopped in their Course up Pauca-tuck River, be, and hereby is repealed.*

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*An ACT for the further Relief of insolvent Debtors, that are, or shall be imprisoned.*

**W**HEREAS the Allowance for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, who are, or shall be imprisoned for their Debts, either by original Proces, or by Execution, is but Twelve Shillings, Money of the Old Tenor, *per Week*, which is insufficient to procure the Necessaries of Life, for their Subsistence in Goal, and oftentimes exposteth the Prison Keepers to great Expences, to provide for the said poor Prisoners.

For Remedy whereof,

**B**E IT ENACTED by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That for the future, the aforesaid Sum of Twelve Shillings per Week, shall be augmented to the Sum of Eighteen Shillings of said Bills, *per Week*, to be recovered in the same Manner, and under the same Regulations, as the aforesaid Twelve Shillings *per Week*, was recovered.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That John Gardner, Robert Gilbs, Daniel Jencks, George Brown, Joseph Nichols, and Philip Greene, Esqrs. together with Col. Edward Kinnicut, and Mr. Samuel Chace, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of the Committee, who hold the Colony's Bills of Exchange, the Bills of Credit those*

Gentlemen have receiv'd therefor ; and also to tell the same, and bring them to this Assembly, that they may be burnt in their Presence.

Whereas *John Mawney*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his, and his Aids Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Expences, in going after *Inman*, *Walling*, and others, for Boards and Nails to repair the County Goal in *Providence*; and for notifying the Judges of the Superior Court, Attorneys, and Jurors, in the County of *Providence*; and setting up Notifications in every Town in laid County, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, past at *Providence* the third Day of *January* last, for the meeting and sitting of the Superior Court, &c. in *Providence*, for the County of *Providence* : And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Seventy-four Pounds Five Shillings, paid unto the said *John Mawney*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for notifying such of the Members of the General Council, and House of Deputies, as live in that County, and also *Jeremiah Niles*, Esq; to give their Attendance respectively, on the General Assembly that sat at *Providence* on the third Day of *January* last ; as also for notifying *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; to give his Attendance at the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. which was held at *Providence* on the fourth Monday of the same Month : And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Twenty-two Pounds, paid unto the said *Beriah Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jacob Whiteman* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Labour done, and Iron-Work provided for the County Goal in *Providence*, at sundry Times, beginning the Twenty-sixth Day of *July*, 1745, and ending on the eighth Day of *October* last : And now this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Fourteen Pounds One Shilling and Ten Pence, paid unto the said *Jacob Whiteman*, out of the General Treasury, deducting all such Grants as have been made of any Part of said Account.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly that sat at *Providence* on the last Wednesday of *October* last, and for furnishing Paper for that Work : And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, paid unto the said *Ann and James Franklin*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Thomas Green, Esq.* Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for notifying such of the Members of the General Assembly, as live in that County, to give their Attendance on the General Assembly that sat at *Providence* on the third Day of *January* last: And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds, paid unto the said *Thomas Green* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Cuthbert Campbell*, late Post Master in *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Postage of sundry Letters and Packets to his Honour the Governor, on the Colony's Business, and other publick Services: And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence, paid unto the said *Cuthbert Campbell*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Edmund Johnson, Henry Rice, Silas Green, Joseph Smith, jun. Jeremiah Sweet, Jeremiah Whipple, and Job Green*, represented unto this Assembly, by Way of Petition, that they were drawn or chosen to serve on the Petit Jury, at the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. held at *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*, on the second Tuesday of *September* last, and being duly notified, gave their Attendance on the said Court, at their own Expence: But the said Court, without committing any Case to the Jury, adjourned unto the fifth Day of *December* following; and then to set at *Providence* aforesaid, ordering the Petitioners nevertheless to give due Attendance at the said Time and Place; which they did accordingly, for several Days, at their own Expence: But the said Court fell through, because there did not appear a competent Number of Judges to constitute a Quorum. Whereupon the Petitioners prayed that they might have an Allowance made them for their Loss of Time, and be reimbursed their Expences, according to the following Account, to wit;

<i>Edmund Johnson, in Sept. and Dec. Nine Days;</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£. 8 16 0</i>
<i>Henry Rice, in Sept. and Dec. Nine Days;</i>	<i>- - -</i>	<i>8 16 0</i>
<i>Silas Green, in Sept. and Dec. Nine Days;</i>	<i>- * -</i>	<i>8 16 0</i>
<i>Joseph Smith, jun. in Sept. and Dec. Nine Days;</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>8 16 0</i>
<i>Jeremiah Sweet, in Sept. and Dec. Seven Days;</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6 16 6</i>
<i>Jeremiah Whipple, in Sept. and Dec. Eight Days;</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7 16 0</i>
<i>Job Green, in Sept. and Dec. Nine Days;</i>	<i>- - -</i>	<i>8 16 0</i>

And now this Assembly having duly considered the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That each and every of the Petitioners shall be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum ascribed to, or set against his Name respectively, according to the aforesaid Account, the original whereof, was by them exhibited to this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee who were appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended against Canada, render an Account upon Oath unto his Honour the Governor, how much Sterling Money hath been by them paid to the said Soldiers; and that his Honour the Governor draw Bills for the same, on the Lords of the Treasury, payable to the Agent of this Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Stephen Hopkins, Esq; Col. Thomas Hazard, Capt. Job Randal, and Mr. Benjamin Brown,* be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to examine into the State and Condition of the several Bridges in this Colony, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session, what Bridges ought to be maintained in whole or in Part by the Colony, and by what Ways and Means the other Bridges are to be supported.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the several Towns in this Colony, pay the Persons by them respectively appointed to take an Account of the Number of Poles, and rateable Estate in each Town in the Government, in the Year of our Lord, 1747: And also the Persons by them respectively appointed, (in Consequence of an Act past by the General Assembly, at their Session in Providence, in October last) to number the Inhabitants of each Town, Whites, Indians, and Negroes: And that the Account of all and every such Person or Persons, for his or their Time, and so forth, in said Affairs, be presented to their Constituents, the Town Council, who are hereby impowered to examine the same, and give Orders on their Town Treasurer, for the Payment of such Sum or Sums as they shall find justly due to the Person or Persons presenting his or their Accounts as aforesaid.

Whereas the Towns of *Smithfield, Tiverton, and Richmond*, have neglected to send unto the Committee by this Assembly appointed, at their Session in October last, to take into Consideration the Queries sent from the Board of Trade, &c. an Account of the Number of the Inhabitants of said Towns, as they were directed by the same Act which constituted the said Committee: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That each of the aforesaid Towns, forthwith take an Account of the Number of their Inhabitants, Whites, Indians, and Negroes, and send the same to his Honour the Governor, as soon as may be.

Whereas *Peter Bours, Edward Scott, and George Wanton, Esqrs. Mr. James Sheffield, The Speaker, and Stephen Hopkins*, or the major Part of them, were by this Assembly, as their Session in Providence, the last Wednesday of October last, constituted a Committee, to sell for Ready Money, and to the best Advantage, the Bills of Exchange then Voted and Resolved to be drawn by his Honour the Governor, on *Mr. Partridge*, the Colony's Agent in Great-Britain, for all their Money in his Hands: That when they had so done, they should Exchange all the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments they should receive in Pay for Bills of Credit of this Colony, and bring the whole to this Assembly to be burnt, in order to sink such of this Colony's Bills, as by Acts of Assembly are to be

be first sunk: And the said Committee, or the major Part of them, having assumed that Province, and gone through the Business, made the following Report:

“ **W**e the Subscribers, appointed in Conjunction with *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; by the Honourable General Assembly of the “ *Colony of Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in *New-England*, “ at their Sessions in *October* past, to sell the Government’s Money in the “ Hands of the Agent, *Mr. Richard Partridge*, do Report, That we “ have sold Bills on the said Agent, to the Amount of Seven Thousand “ Eight Hundred Pounds Sterling, at the Rate or Exchange of £. 1050 “ Currency, for £. 100 Sterling; and also that we have receiv’d of “ *Messrs Oliver and Phillips*, the Sum of £. 3150 Old Tenor, for the “ Bill of £. 300 Sterling, drawn on them by the said Agent, as per Ac- “ count hereunto annexed.

“ **P**ETER BOURS,  
“ **E**WARD SCOTT,  
“ **G**EORGE WANTON,  
“ **J**AMES SHEFFIELD,  
“ **T**HOMAS CRANSTON.”

*Newport, February 24. 1748-9.*

Account of Bills of Exchange sold and referred to in the above Report.

	Sterling.		Sterling.
Nº 1. <i>Thomas Green,</i>	£. 500 - -	Nº 26 <i>Thomas Greene,</i>	£. 250 - -
2. <i>Daniel Ayrault,</i>	100 - -	27. <i>Joshua Cheever,</i>	200 - -
3. <i>Stephen Ayrault,</i>	300 - -	28. <i>John Merrett,</i>	500 - -
4. <i>Edward Scott,</i>	300 - -	29. <i>Naphtali Hart,</i>	200 - -
5. <i>Gammon Stevens,</i>	200 - -	30. <i>Naphtali Hart,</i>	100 - -
6. <i>Robert Stevens.</i>	50 - -	31. <i>Joseph Bull,</i>	50 - -
7. <i>Robert Stevens,</i>	50 - -	32. <i>Joseph Scott,</i>	143 - -
8. <i>Benoni Gardner,</i>	50 - -	33. <i>Joshua Babcock,</i>	200 - -
9. <i>Francis Honyman,</i>	315 - -	34. <i>Joseph Lee,</i>	200 - -
10. <i>Francis Honyman,</i>	77 - -	35. <i>Edward Kinnicut,</i>	100 - -
11. <i>Thomas Moffatt,</i>	60 - -	36. <i>Samuel Chase,</i>	50 - -
12. <i>Peleg Thurston,</i>	200 - -	37. <i>Walter Cranston,</i>	50 - -
13. <i>Simon Pease,</i>	200 - -	38. <i>Charles Sherman,</i>	50 - -
14. <i>John Tillinghast,</i>	200 - -	39. <i>Henry Collins,</i>	100 - -
15. <i>Jones and Griffin,</i>	500 - -	40. <i>Daniel Greenleaf,</i>	50 - -
16. <i>Jones and Griffin,</i>	200 - -	41. <i>Robert Gibbs,</i>	150 - -
17. <i>Thomas Hutchinson,</i>	500 - -	42. <i>Thomas Richardson,</i>	50 - -
18. <i>Jableel Brenton,</i>	34 - -	43. <i>Thomas Richardson,</i>	50 - -
19. <i>John Scollay,</i>	100 - -	44. <i>Joseph Whipple,</i>	120 - -
20. <i>John Scollay,</i>	62 - -	45. <i>Thomas Moffatt,</i>	33 - -
21. <i>Joshua Winslow,</i>	200 - -	46. <i>Gideon Wanton,</i>	226 - -
22. <i>William Taylor,</i>	200 - -		
23. <i>Joshua Cheever,</i>	200 - -		£. 2872 - -
24. <i>Thomas Oxnard,</i>	200 - -		4928 - -
25. <i>Thomas Oxnard,</i>	130 - -		
	£. 4928 - -		£. 7800 - -
Advance on £. 7800 at £. 950 per Cent.			74100 - -
			£. 81900 - -
Recd of <i>Messrs Oliver &amp; Phillips</i> for the Agent’s Bill on them,			3150 - -
Carried over,   =   =   =		£. 85050 - -	
P			Brought

Brought over, — — — — —	£. 85050 0 0
Cath receiv'd of <i>Daniel Jencks, Esq;</i> for £. 350 Sterl- ing, he is to have, — — — — —	3675 0 0
	£. 88725 0 0

To which Report and Account, what follows was subjoined.

“ **T**HE Colony of *Rhode Island, &c.* to *Peter Bours, Edward Scott, George Wanton, Stephen Hopkins, James Sheffield, and Thomas Cranston,*

Dr.

748. To Commissions for selling the above and within mentioned Bills of Exchange, for *New-England Money*, and exchanging the same for Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, amounting to £. 88725 at One and a Quarter per Cent. —

£. 1109 1 3

To Cath paid *Joseph Fox*, for copying 50 Sets of Bills of Exchange, — — — — —

8 0 0

To Ditto, for Brown Paper, Twine, and Postage of Letters to and from *Boston*, — — — — —

2 4 0

To the Charge of conveying the Chest from *New-  
port* to *Providence*, — — — — —

2 10 0

**PETER BOURS,  
GEORGE WANTON,  
JAMES SHEFFIELD,  
STEPHEN HOPKINS,  
THOMAS CRANSTON.”**

£. 1121 15 3

And now this Assembly having duly considered the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report and Account, made and exhibited to this Assembly, be, and the same is hereby accepted. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Thousand and Twelve Pounds Fourteen Shillings, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to the aforesaid Committee (who sold the aforesaid Bills of Exchange), for their Time, Trouble, and Charge, in transacting that Business.

And forasmuch as the Committee aforesaid, have delivered the said Sum of Eighty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, in Bills of Publick Credit (Old Tenor), emitted by this Colony, unto the Committee, by this Assembly appointed to receive and tell the same; and the said Committee have receiv'd, told, and brought the said Bills hither, and they have been burnt in the Presence of this Assembly; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Peter Bours, Edward Scott, George Wanton, James Sheffield, Thomas Cranston, and Stephen Hopkins*, be, and they are hereby discharged of the Trust aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of *Abigail Smith*, charged against Messrs *George Wanton and James Sheffield*, for their Entertainment while in Publick Service; also her Account for Entertaining the Committee who were appointed to tell the Money presented to, and burnt in Presence of this Assembly, be allowed, and Twenty-one Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount of those Accounts, be paid her out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Robert Lawton, Jonathan Peck, and Matthew Allen, Esqrs.* were by the General Assembly, appointed a Committee to view the several Places in *Middletown*, propos'd for laying out a Highway, having undertaken and perform'd that Service, made Report of their Doings on the Back of the Assembly's Vote which qualified them; which Report follows in these Words:

“ **W**E Subscribers (the Committee within named), having considered the Affair to us committed, and pursued the Direction to us given, as within written, do Report as follows, *viz.*

“ *First.* That a drift Way is sufficient, and that there be no open Highway as prayed for by the Petitioners.

“ *Secondly,* That the Southardmott Place propos'd to us, that is from the double Gate on the West Side, to another Gate on the East Side of *Easton's Neck*, being the old accustomed Way, is the Place where said drift Way shall be in our Opinion, with the greatest Convenience.

“ Given under our Hands, this 27th Day of February, A. D. 1748.

“ ROBERT LAWTON,  
“ JONATHAN PECK,  
“ MATTHEW ALLEN.”

Which Report being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve,* That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Account of *Jonathan Peck, and Matthew Allen, Esqrs.* for their Trouble, Time, and Expence, in viewing the Places proposed for a Highway across *Easton's Neck* in *Middletown*, and making their Report thereof, be allowed, and the Amount of said Account, being Twelve Pounds, paid them out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Account of *Robert Lawton, Esq;* for his Time, and so forth, in viewing the Place proposed for a Highway across *Easton's Neck* in *Middletown*, and making Report thereof, be allowed, and the Amount of said Account, being Two Pounds Eight Shillings, paid him out of the General Treasury.

*An ACT appointing a Committee to build a Light-House on Beaver Tail, in Jamestown.*

**W**H E R E A S the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session in *Newport*, on the Twenty-second Day of *August*, in the Year of our Lord 1738, made and past an *A&C* for emitting One Hundred Thousand Pounds, in Bills of publick Credit, to be let out upon Loan, and appropriated the Interest thereof to sundry Uses: And among other Things, “ It was Enacted, That there should be a Light-House erected “ at *Beaver Tail*, by the Directions of a Committee to be appointed by the

" the General Assembly for that Purpose, and the same to be paid for out  
 " of the third Year's Interest [of the said Bills of publick Credit, so to be  
 " emitted :]" But a War breaking out with *Spain*, before the said third  
 Year's Interest was paid into the Treasury, it was thought proper to post-  
 pone the building said Light-Houfe till the War was over. And now a  
 general Peace being established, there appears as great a Necessity of a  
 Light-Houfe as ever, several Misfortunes having very lately happened for  
 want thereof: Which Things being represented by many Gentlemen,  
 Merchants, and others, Inhabitants of the Colony, and the Affair maturely  
 considered, *Be it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,*  
*It is Enacted*, That Capt. *Simon Leafe, Jonathan Nickols, Esq;* Capt. *Joseph*  
*Harrison, Mr. Abel Franklin, Joshua Arnold, and George Brown, Esqrs.* be,  
 and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee,  
 to build a Light-Houfe on *Beaver Tail*, in the Island of *Jamestown*, alias  
*Conanicut*; and in order to effect the same, that the said Committee, or  
 the major Part of them, have, and Power is hereby given them, to draw  
 Money out of the General Treasury to defray the Cost and Charge thereof,  
*Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby further Enacted*, That the said  
 Committee shall from time to time, follow the Directions of the General  
 Assembly, in building said House.

Upon the Motion of *Daniel Jencks, and Stephen Hopkins, Esqrs.* *It is*  
*Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby  
 empowered and requested to qualify a proper Vessel and Persons for  
 fetching Home the Schooner of the said *Jencks and Hopkins*, taken and  
 carried into St. *Jago de Cuba*, by the Spaniards, since the Time the  
 Ceſtation of Arms was agreed upon to commence between *Great Britain*  
 and *Spain*; which Vessel they are informed, lies there ready to be delivered  
 unto them, or their Order. *And it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That all  
 and every other Person and Persons inhabiting this Colony, who have had  
 any Vessel or Vessels taken from him or them, in like Manner, shall have  
 Liberty of tending Men and Papers in the Vessel that shall be qualified as  
 aforesaid by his Honour the Governor.

Whereas *John Hoyle, jun.* Town Serjeant of *Providence*, exhibited to  
 this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his  
 Attendance, and providing Wood for the General Assembly, during the  
 prefent, and their late Seflion in *January* last; and for cleaning the County  
 Houfe in *Providence* at sundry Times since last *June*: And now this  
 Assembly taking the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Reslove*,  
*and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the  
 Amount thereof, being Sixteen Pounds, paid unto the said *John Hoyle, jun.*  
 out of the General Treasury. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That  
 the said *John Hoyle, jun.* and *Benjamin Gerbem*, one of the Constables of  
 the Town of *Providence*, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury,  
 the Sum of Forty Shillings each, for their Trouble in burning the Money  
 by Order of this Assembly.

Whereas *John Hoyle, jun.* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by  
 him charged against the Colony, for Work, and Sundries done and  
 provided by him towards making the Well in the Goal Yard at *Providence*  
 deeper: And now this Assembly having taken the said Account into  
 Consideration,

Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Four Pounds Eight Shillings, paid the said *John Hoyle, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Gorkam*, one of the *Constables* of the Town of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly during the present and their late Session in *January* last: And now this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Eight Pounds, paid unto the said *Benjamin Gorkam*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *William Richmond*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, hath resigned his said Office; and this Assembly accepted his Resignation: They thereupon chose *William Hall*, of *Little Compton*, in the County of *Newport*, Esq; to be a Judge of the Court aforesaid, in the Room of the said *William Richmond*.

*John Congdon*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *North-Kingston*, in the Room of *Robert Hazard*, Esq; who refused.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours*, and *George Wanton*, Esqrs. *Messrs. James Sheffield*, and *Josias Lyndon*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to prepare a Bill for providing a Maintenance of Wives and Children left or neglected by their Husbands and Fathers, and present the same to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be referred unto the next Session thereof: That the Secretary proclaim by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders, now, and at the last Session, made and past, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and within Thirty Days, send Copies thereof, to each Town in this Colony: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourn'd until the last Monday in *April* next, if call'd at said Time, by either of their Honours the Governor or Deputy Governor; but if not call'd before, or at said Time, then to be Dissolv'd.

**G O D S ave t he K I N G.**

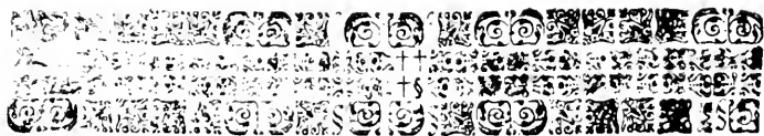
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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations,  
in New-England, in America, held at Newport,  
within and for the Colony aforesaid, on Tuesday the second  
Day of May, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of  
His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the  
Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c. It being  
the Day before the General Election.*

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

*PETER BOURS, Esq;* } *ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;*  
*JOHN GARDNER, Esq;* } *WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;* } *Ass't.*  
*WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;* } *DANIEL COGGEHALL, Esq;* } *Ass't.*  
*STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;*

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	PROVIDENCE;	Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.
<i>George Weston, Esq;</i>	<i>Jonathan Randal, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. John Allen.</i>
<i>Mr. Joseph Whipple, jun.</i>	<i>Stephen Hopkins, Esq;</i>	WARWICK;
<i>Mr. Thomas Cranston,</i>	<i>Mr. Elihu Brown,</i>	<i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. John Tillinghast,</i>	<i>Daniel Jencks, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. John Holden,</i>
<i>Mr. Nicholas Easton,</i>	<i>PORTSMOUTH;</i>	<i>Mr. John Greene,</i>
<i>Mr. James Sheffield,</i>	<i>Mr. Oliver Earl,</i>	<i>Capt. Amos Lockwood.</i>

WESTERLY ;	Mr. John Aldrick.	MIDDLETON ;
Capt. Silas Greenman, Joshua Babcock, Esq;	SCITUATE ;	Capt. Robert Barker.
NEWSHOREHAM ;	Mr. Thomas Ralph,	Mr. Jonathan Easton.
Mr. John Littlefield,	Mr. Thomas Hudson.	BRISTOL ;
Mr. Abel Franklin.	GLoucester ;	Thomas Greene, Esq;
NORTH-KINGSTON ,	Maj. Richard Smith.	TIVERTON ;
None.	CHARLESTOWN ;	None.
SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	Col. Joseph Stanton,	LITTLE-COMPTON ;
Capt. Robert Hazard,	Mr. James Congdon.	William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Rowland Robinson.	WEST GREENWICH ;	Nathanael Scars, Esq;
EAST-GREENWICH ;	Mr. Jeremiah Ellis,	WARREN ;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	Mr. George Gardner.	James Smith, Esq;
Capt. Thomas Spencer.	COVENTRY ;	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
JAMESTOWN ;	Mr. James Colven,	CUMBERLAND ;
Mr. Joseph Clark.	Mr. Benjamin Nichols.	None.
SMITHFIELD ;	EXETER ;	RICHMOND ;
Thomas Lapbam, Esq;	Capt. John Weight,	Joseph Clark, Esq;
	Mr. Benoni Gardner.	James Rogers, Esq;

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq: was chosen Speaker : And  
Mr. *Josias Lyndon* Clerk of the House of Deputies.

THE Persons whose Names hereafter follow, having taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Law of this Colony, against Bribery and Corruption, are hereby admitted to give their Votes to chooote Officers for their respective Towns, and also to give their Votes for the Choice of the General Officers of the Colony.

*N E W P O R T ;*

William Redwood, Benjamin Johnson, Joseph Rider, John Baster, Charles Bardip, David Moore, George Gardner, Ephraim Harris, Jonathan Clarke, James Perrin, Samuel Easton, Andrew Hunter, Henry Tisdale, Benjamin Ellery, James Gardner, William Gardner, Samuel Marryott, Zebulon Spinney, Daniel Russel, jun. Solomon Senter, Thomas Creapman, John Spooner, Charles Dyre, Timothy Hill, John Whiting, Simeon Price, Robert Robinson, Benoni Gardner, and Joseph Turner.

*P R O V I D E N C E ;*

Jonathan Sheldon, David Wilkinson, Joshua Turner, Richard Brown, Nicholas Cook, Samuel Congdon, Benjamin Cary, Caleb Potter, Edward Arnold, Richard Bowen, John Field, jun. William Dean, Rufus Hopkins, William Antram, jun. Jonathan Jencks, Peter Burlingame, jun. Zephaniah Peck, William Smith, George Laws, Daniel Olney, Joseph Hawkins, Joseph Waterman, jun. Richard Smith, Thomas Birket, John Burlingame, jun. Jacob Whitman. Joshua Turner, jun. Benjamin Whipple, jun. Gideon Manchester, Oliver Angel, Asaph Bowen, Gideon Smith, and William Carpenter. (*Son of William.*)

*P O R T S-*

*P O R T S M O U T H;*

Caleb Allen, Samuel Albro, Michael Cory, George Shearman, John Allen, jun. Joseph Shearman, Thomas Sisson, Robert Dennis, John Lawton (*Son of Joseph*), and Enoch Butts.

*W A R W I C K;*

George Wightman, John Wightman, jun. John Green (*Son of Richard*) Thomas Price, Matthew Price, Ebenezer Green, Daniel Budlong, Joseph Wickes, and Ebenezer King.

*W E S T E R L Y;*

Christopher Sugar, Ichabod Prosser, Benjamin Brown, William Burdick, Thomas Burdick, Nicholas Vincent, and Oliver Chase.

*N E W - S H O R E H A M;*

Edward Sands, Robert Hull, John Dodge, Nathanael Littlefield, Stephen Franklin, John Rathburn, Thomas Pain, John Pain, Jonathan Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, jun. Edward Ball, Thomas Dickens, William Dodge, Samuel Dodge, Abel Franklin, Daniel Rose, John Mott, Nathanael Mott, John Ball, Caleb Littlefield, John Littlefield, Samuel Rathburn, and Samuel Champlin.

*N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N;*

Peter Reynolds, jun. William Hall (*Son of John*), Benjamin Cole, Samuel Boone, John Allen, William Clarke, Philip Card, Peleg Card, Henry Spencer, Thomas Bissell, Thomas Havens, Samuel Shearman, Edward Gardner, Jeremiah Smith, and John Wightman.

*S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N;*

Latham Clark, Benjamin Potter, Nicholas Watson, Ebenezer Tefft, James Shearman, Robert Potter jun. and Joseph Congdon.

*E A S T - G R E E N W I C H;*

Jeremiah Pain, jun. John Gifford, John Manchester, Yelverton Gifford, Isaac Gardner, John Gifford, Daniel Howland, jun. Thomas Shippy, James Fowler, David Vaughan (*Son of Robert*), Nicholas Goddard, John Andrew (*Son of Benoni*), and Colonel Carpenter.

*Y A M E S - T O W N;*

Benjamin Carr (*Son of Thomas*), and Benjamin Sheffield.

*S M I T H F I E L D :*

William Sprague, Richard Sayles, jun. Samuel Aldrich *the 3d*, Thomas Shippy, jun. Daniel Smith (*Son of William*), Samuel Bayley, Amos Arnold, William Whipple, jun. Joseph Carpenter, Azariah Cumstock, John Smith, jun. Jeremiah Arnold, jun. Thomas Smith, Hezekiah Steere, Christopher Brown, Jeremiah Harris, and Job Potter.

*S C I T U A T E ;*

Thomas Hudson, Thomas Bennet, jun. Thomas Brown, Obadiah Jencks, David Young, Samuel Robins, Benjamin Weight, jun. Oliver Perkins, Thomas Collins, jun. Thomas Lee, and Thomas Aylsworth.

*G L O U C E S T E R ;*

Joseph Olney, John Blackman, Anthony Sprague, Thomas Barns, and Isaac Richardson.

*C H A R L E S T O W N ;*

Jonathan Kinyon, jun. Jeremiah Worden, Joshua Card, and John Hox.

*W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;*

James Reynolds, Amos Matteson, James Matteson, Christopher Carpenter, Joseph Matteson, Charles Andrew, Tipets Hopkins, James Hopkins, David Hopkins, James Willson, Robert Willson, William Willson, Joseph Niles, and Thomas Draper

*C O V E N T R Y ;*

Amos Stafford, jun. Archibald Dickson, Francis Bates, Henry Green, and Robert Havens, jun.

*E X E T E R ;*

Newman Perkins, William Tripp, Daniel Dawley, John Casey, William Tanner, Joseph Tanner, Benjamin Bently, and Robert Hill.

*M I D D L E T O W N ;*

Jonathan Easton, and Thomas Durley.

*B R I S T O L ;*

Sheajashub Bourn, and Thomas Church.

*T I V E R T O N ;*

John Manchester, Samuel Snell, Joseph Anthony, Roger Cory, Thomas Cook, Thomas Wait, Edward Wanton, John Borden, Samuel Hicks, Samuel Durfee, Weston Hicks, Stephen Cook, Thomas Howland, John Taber, Ephraim Willcock, Cornelius Sowle, Philip Gray, Thomas Cook (*Son of Joseph*), George Cook, William Willcock, John Almy, Philip Cory, Ebenezer Taber, John Bennet, Benjamin Durfee, Peter Talman, John Jennings, Abraham Barker, Samuel Borden, Restcome Sandford, Oliver Bealy, Samuel Snell, jun. Joseph Taber, John Taber (*Son of John*), Samuel Hart, Jonathan Hart, William Sandford, Thomas Wait, jun. Peleg Sanford, Joshua Dwelly, Joshua Dwelly, jun, Blake Perry, John Cook (*Son of Thomas*), William Woddle, John Bowen, Samuel Shearman, William Shreve, William Fish, William Manchester (*Son of Stephen*), Joseph Crandal, Josiah Sawyer, David Lake, Joseph Jennings, Thomas Mother, Benjamin Maccomber, Philip Taber, Joseph

Joseph Taber (*Son of Philip*), Benjamin Chase, jun. William Cook, Thomas Fish William Cory, Jonathan Davel, Isaac Howland, George Westgate, Thomas Anthony, Caleb Cory, Thomas Gray, Edward Gray, William Gray, John Brown, Thomas Willcock, Joseph Wanton, David Durfee, John Cook, Samuel Hart, jun. Abner Chase, John Pearce, Simon Hart, Josiah Willcock, Benjamin Chase, Job Durfee, Giles Brownell, Peleg Shearman, Joseph Stafford, William Springer, David Stafford, Gerthom Woodell, Daniel Earl, Abraham Stafford, James Weeden, Thomas Cook (*Son of John*), Joseph Seabury, Samuel Almy, Thomas Crandell, Paul Taber, Benjamin Hambley, Job Almy, William Manchester (*Son of John*), Daniel Earl, jun. John Sawyer, Oliver Cook, John Thomas, Ebenezer Shearman, and Noah Davenport.

*W A R R E N;*

Peter Bicknell, Samuel Thurber, Daniel Cole, Cromwell Child, Jonathan Bosworth, Martin Luther, and William Wood.

*C U M B E R L A N D;*

John Finney, John Nicholson, Charles Bartlet, David Dexter, Joseph Brown *the 3d*, Joshua Hall, jun. Robert Aldrich, James Dexter, Richard Stratton, Abraham Hogg, John Knox, James Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Josiah Fisk, Abiel Brown, James Ballow, jun. Abraham Cook, Hezekiah Cook, and George Shearman.

*R I C H M O N D;*

William Willcox, Isaac Lewis, and David Potter.



*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, begun and held at Newport, in said Colony, on the first Wednesday of May, in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty G E O R G E the Second, by the Grace of G O D, King of Great-Britain, &c.*

*P R E S E N T,*

The Honourable *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *WILLIAM ELLERY*, Esq; Deputy Governor.

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 JOHN GARDNER, Esq;      }      WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;      }  
 WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;      }      *Affl.* DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;      } *Affl.*  
 STEPHEN BROWNE, Esq;      }      JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;  
 ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;

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George Wanton, Esq;	NORTH-KINGSTON ;	COVENTRY ;
Mr. Joseph Wapple, jun. Col. Immanuel Northup,	Mr. James Colvin,	
Mr. Thomas Cranston,	Capt. Daniel Fones.	Mr. Benjamin Nickols.
Mr. John Tillinghast,	SOUTH-KINGSTON ;	EXETER ;
Mr. Nicholas Easton,	Capt. Robert Hazard,	Capt. John Weight,
Mr. James Sheffield.	Mr. Rowland Robinson.	Mr. Benoni Garander.
PROVIDENCE ;	EAST-GREENWICH ;	MIDDLETOWN ;
Zonaiben Randal, Esq;	Joseph Nickols, Esq;	Capt. Robert Barker,
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Capt. Thomas Spencer.	Mr. Jonathan Easton
Mr. Elisha Brown,	JAMESTOWN ;	BRISTOL ;
Daniel Jencks, Esq;	Mr. Daniel Wieden,	Thomas Greene, Esq;
PORTSMOUTH ;	Mr. Joseph Clark.	TIVERTON ;
Mr. Oliver Earl,	SMITHFIELD ;	John Howland, Esq;
Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.	Thomas Lapham, Esq;	Mr. Edward Wanton.
Mr. John Allen.	Mr. John Aldrich.	LITTLE-COMPTON ;
Benjamin Tucker, Esq;	SCITUATE ;	William Hall, Esq;
WARWICK ;	Mr. Thomas Rathb,	Nathanael Searle, Esq;
Philip Green, Esq;	Mr. Thomas Hudson.	WARREN ;
Mr. John Holden,	Gloucester ;	James Smith, Esq;
Mr. John Greene,	Richard Steere, Esq;	Capt. Benjamin Bartes.
Capt. Amos Lockwood.	Maj. Richard Smith.	CUMBERLAND ;
WESTERLY ;	CHARLESTOWN ;	Israel Whipple, Esq;
Capt. Silas Greenman,	Col. Joseph Stanton,	Job Bartlett, Esq;
B Joshua Biscoe, Esq;	Mr. James Congdon.	RICHMOND ;
NEWSHOREHAM ;	WEST GREENWICH ;	Joseph Clark, Esq;
Mr. John Littlefield,	Mr. Jeremiah Ellis,	James Rogers, Esq;

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And  
 Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the House of Deputies.

**T**HIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the respective Offices ascribed to their Names.

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq. Governor; *Engag'd.*  
 The Hon. William Ellery, Esq; Dep. Governor; *Engag'd.*  
 Peter Bours, Esq; first Assistant; *Engag'd.*  
 Simon Pease, Esq; second Assistant; *Engag'd.*  
 William Burton, Esq; third Assistant; *Engag'd.*

Edward

*Edward Kinnicut, Esq; fourth Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*Stephen Browne, Esq; fifth Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*Robert Lewton, Esq; sixth Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*James Arnold, Esq; seventh Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*William Rickmond, Esq; eighth Assistant; Engag'a.*  
*Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; ninth Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*Jeffry Watson, Esq; tenth Assistant; Engag'd.*  
*Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary; Engag'd.*  
*Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General; Engag'd.*  
*Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer; Engag'd.*  
 Col. Samuel Lyndon, jun. Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.  
 Col. Benoni Waterman, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.  
 Col. Thomas Hazard, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings-County*.  
 Capt. John Burrington, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.  
 Lieut. Col. William Brown, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.  
 Lieut. Col. William Pendleton, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings County*.  
 Major Wing Spooner, Major of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.  
 Major Richard Smith, Major of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.  
 Major Richard Bailey, Major of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings County*.  
*Joshua Babcock, Jonathan Randal, William Hopkins, William Hall, and John Walton, Esqrs.* Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.  
*Samuel Wickham, Edward Scott, Daniel Gould, William Anthony, jun. and Caleb Hill, Esqrs.* Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.  
*Daniel Jencks, Jeremiah Lippitt, Job Randal, Joseph Nickols, and David Cumstock, Esqrs.* Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.  
*Stephen Hazard, Immanuel Northup, Job Tripp, jun. Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs.* Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.  
*Jonathan Woodberry, Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, Joseph Russel, and James Smith, Esqrs.* Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.  
*Thomas Ward, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.*

Mr.

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Newport*.

*George Brown*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*.

Mr. *Benjamin Peckham*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Kings-County*.

Mr. *Thomas Throop*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Bristol*.

*Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*John Mawney*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*.

*Thomas Green*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*JUSTICES of the Peace for the several Towns throughout  
the C O L O N T.*

<i>Newport</i> ;	<i>Warwick</i> ;	<i>John Olin</i> ,
Abraham Borden,	Samuel Staford,	Samuel Sowle,
Samuel Collins,	John Warner,	Rufus Greene.
Ebenezer Richardson,	James Green ( <i>Son of Smithfield</i> ; <i>William</i> ),	William Arnold,
Barnabas Hargill,	Jeremiah Randal	Thomas Lapham,
Jeremiah Clark,	<i>Westerly</i> ;	Thomas Sayles,
Thomas Ward,	William Babcock,	William Jencks,
Handley Chiptman,	William Hern,	Thomas Steere,
Peter Easton,	Benjamin Randal,	John Aldrich.
Martin Howard.	Joseph Crandal, <i>jun.</i>	<i>Scituate</i> ;
<i>Providence</i> ;	<i>North-Kingstown</i> ;	Benjamin Fisk,
Henry Harris,	Edward Dyke, <i>jun.</i>	John Tyler,
Christopher Harris,	Joseph Calé,	Gideon Harris,
Edward Sheldon,	Robert Hazard,	John Edwards.
Jabez Bowen,	James Gardner,	<i>Gloucester</i> ;
Zuriel Waterman,	John Congdon,	Richard Steere,
Joseph Harris,	<i>South-Kingstown</i> ;	Andrew Brown,
John Burton, <i>jun.</i>	Samuel Tifft, <i>jun.</i>	John Smith,
George Taylor,	John Calé,	Abraham Tourtelot,
Joseph Snow,	Thomas Hazard ( <i>Son of Robert</i> ),	Richard Smith.
Ebenezer Jencks,	Benjamin Potter,	<i>Charlestown</i> ;
John Andrews	Robert Brown.	John Hill,
<i>Portsmouth</i> ;	<i>East-Greenwich</i> ;	James Congdon, <i>jun.</i>
William Sandford,	William Spenser,	Benjamin Hoxsey,
William Hall ;	John Langford,	Nathanael Lewis.
Giles Slocum, <i>jun.</i>		
Galeb Allen.		<i>West-</i>

<i>West Greenwich</i> ;	Edward Easton,	Samuel Willbor,
<i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> ,	John Green,	Joseph Wood,
<i>Samuel Hopkins</i> ,	Edward Tew,	Nathanael Searle, <i>jun.</i>
<i>William Cumstock</i> ,	<i>Joshua Coggeshall, jun.</i>	<i>Warren</i> ;
<i>George Gardner</i> .	<i>Bristol</i> ;	Benjamin Miller,
<i>Coventry</i> ;	<i>Sheerijashub Bourn</i> ,	Samuel Low,
<i>Elisha Johnson</i> ,	<i>George Dunbar</i> ,	John Kinnicut,
<i>Thomas Matthewson</i> ,	<i>Jeremiah Finney</i> ,	Edward Luther.
<i>Samuel Cooper</i> ,	<i>Nathanael Pearce</i> ,	<i>Cumberland</i> ;
<i>Caleb Greene</i> ,	<i>William Munro</i> .	<i>Job Bartlet</i> ,
<i>George Hall</i> .	<i>Tiverton</i> ;	<i>Samuel Bartlet</i> ,
<i>Exeter</i> ;	<i>Joseph Anthony</i> ,	<i>Israel Whipple</i> ,
<i>Nicholas Gardner</i> ,	<i>Philip Taber</i> ,	<i>John Dexter</i> .
<i>Jeoffry Champlin</i> ,	<i>Abraham Barker</i> ,	<i>Richmond</i> ;
<i>Peleg Tripp</i> ,	<i>Weston Hicks</i> ,	<i>John Webster</i> ,
<i>George Reynolds</i> ,	<i>Restcome Sandford</i> .	<i>Joseph Clark</i> ,
<i>Robert Moon</i> ,	<i>Little-Compton</i> ;	<i>Samuel Tift</i> ,
<i>Middletown</i> ;		<i>Stephen Richmond</i> .
<i>Thomas Gould</i> ,	<i>Robert Taylor</i> ,	

*OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia,  
or Train'd Bands, in each Town throughout the Colony.*

*N E W P O R T* ; *First Company* :

**J**ONATHAN HEATH, *Captain*, JAMES TANNER, *Lieutenant*, CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : BENJAMIN SHERBURN, *Captain*, KENDAL NICHOLS, *jun.* *Lieutenant*, JOHN SIMPSON, *jun.* *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : DANIEL DUNHAM, *jun.* *Captain*, JOHN PITMAN, *Lieutenant*, HENRY BLISS, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : JOHN BELITHO, *Captain*, OLIVER BEERE, *Lieutenant*, RICHARD WHITEHORN, *Ensign*.

*P R O V I D E N C E* ; *First Company* :

Roger Kinnicut, *Captain*, Benjamin Eddy, *Lieutenant*, Jacob Hartshorn, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : JOHN CLARK, *Captain*, JOHN WARNER, *Lieutenant*, WILLIAM DYRE, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : JONATHAN OLNEY, *Captain*, JOHN WATERMAN (Son of Resolved), *Lieutenant*, AMOS WESTCOTT, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : JOHN DEXTER, *jun.* *Captain*, SAMUEL ABORN, *jun.* *Lieutenant*, STEPHEN HAWKINS, *Ensign*.

*Fifth Company* : MATTHEW MANCHESTER, *Captain*, JONATHAN KNIGHT, *jun.* *Lieutenant*, DANIEL BURLINGAME, *Ensign*.

*P O R T S M O U T H ;*

Clark Cornel, *Captain*, John Fish, *Lieutenant*, John Shrieve, jun.  
*Ensign*.

*W A R W I C K ; First Company :*

John Green (Son of Peter), *Captain*, John Wells, *Lieutenant*, James Arnold, jun. *Ensign*.

*Second Company :* Thomas Wickes (Son of Thomas), *Captain*, Thomas Remington, *Lieutenant*, John Wickes, *Ensign*.

*Third Company :* Joseph Edmonds, jun. *Captain*, Moses Badlong, *Lieutenant*, Richard Eftis, *Ensign*.

*W E S T E R L Y ; First Company :*

Elias Thompson, *Captain*, Joseph Lewis, jun. *Lieutenant*, Elisha Clark, *Ensign*.

*Second Company :* Benjamin Randal, *Captain*, Jonathan Wells, *Lieutenant*, Joseph Maccoo, *Ensign*.

*Third Company :* Samuel Gavit, *Captain*, Joseph Crandal (Son of Joseph), *Lieutenant*, Stephen Saunders, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company :* Thomas Foster, *Captain*, Matthew Green, *Lieutenant*, Edward Robinzon, *Ensign*.

*N E W - S H O R E H A M :*

Robert Hull, *Captain*, John Dodge, *Lieutenant*, John Littlefield, *Ensign*.

*N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N , First Company :*

Jonathan Allen, *Captain*, Arthur Aylsworth, *Lieutenant*, Philip Card, *Ensign*.

*Second Company :* Samuel Albro, *Captain*, Samuel Browning, jun. *Lieutenant*, Eber Shearman, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company :* Samuel Thomas, *Captain*, Benedict Eldred, *Lieutenant*, Ebenezer Brown, *Ensign*.

*S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ; First Company :*

Thomas Browning, *Captain*, John Steadman, *Lieutenant*, William Congdon, (Son of Joseph), *Ensign*.

*Second Company :* Latham Clark (Son of William, deceas'd), *Captain*, Jirah Mumford, *Lieutenant*, Tenent Tift, *Ensign*.

*Third Company :* Samuel Gardner, *Captain*, Nathan Gardner, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Taylor, *Ensign*.

*E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ; First Company :*

Joseph Stafford, *Captain*, Abiel Hall, *Lieutenant*, Rufus Spenser, *Ensign*.

*Second Company :* Richard Weaver, *Captain*, David Vaughan (Son of Robert), *Lieutenant*, Colonel Carpenter, *Ensign*.

*F A M E S T O W N ;*

Samuel Slocum, *Captain*, George Franklin, *Lieutenant*, Edward Carr, *Ensign*.

*S M I T H -*

*S M I T H F I E L D ; First Company :*

*Richard Harris, jun. Captain, John Angel, Lieutenant, William Brown, Ensign.*

*Second Company : Daniel Arnold, Captain, Thomas Arnold, Lieutenant, Stephen Slye, Ensign.*

*Third Company : Daniel Mowry, Captain, William Bates, Lieutenant, Resolved Waterman, Ensign.*

*S C I T U A T E ; First Company :*

*Silvanus White, Captain, Nehemiah Angel, Lieutenant, Eliza Collins, jun. Ensign.*

*Second Company : James Brown, Captain, Samuel Dorrence, Lieutenant, George Dorrence, jun. Ensign.*

*Third Company : John Hulet, Captain, Joseph Wilkinson, Lieutenant, Ezekiel Hopkins, jun. Ensign.*

*G L O U C E S T E R ; First Company :*

*Timothy Wilmoth, Captain, Silas Williams, Lieutenant, James Cowen, Ensign.*

*Second Company : John Smith, Captain, Ezekiel Smith, Lieutenant, Joseph Olney, Ensign.*

*C H A R L E S T O W N ;*

*Peleg Cross, Captain, Enoch Kinyon, jun. Lieutenant, Samuel Stanton, Ensign.*

*W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ; First Company :*

*Ezekiel Whitford, Captain, Daniel Hill, jun. Lieutenant, John Albro, Ensign.*

*Second Company : John Weight, Captain, Joseph Nichols, Lieutenant, Griffen Sweet, Ensign.*

*C O V E N T R Y ; First Company :*

*John Allerton, jun. Captain, Stephen Colvin, Lieutenant, William Nichols, Ensign.*

*Second Company : Benjamin Nichols, Captain, Alexander Dickson, Lieutenant, John Wickes, Ensign.*

*E X E T E R ; First Company :*

*Samuel Gardner, Captain, Benjamin Lawton, Lieutenant, Joseph Potter, Ensign.*

*Second Company : Peleg Thomas, Captain, John Rathburn the Third, Lieutenant, Stephen Austin, Ensign.*

*M I D D L E T O W N ;*

*John Barker, Captain, Benjamin Smith, Lieutenant, Nicholas Brown, Ensign.*

*B R I S T O L ;*

*Nathanael Pearce, Captain, Bennett Munro, Lieutenant, John Throop, jun. Ensign.*

*T I V E R T O N ;*

*T I V E R T O N; First Company:*

Giles Brownel, *Captain*, William Manchester (Son of John), *Lieutenant*, Cornelius Sowle, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: William Cook, *Captain*, John Thomas, *Lieutenant*, Benjamin Hambly, *Ensign*.

*L I T T L E-C O M P T O N;*

Benjamin Seabury, *Captain*, Edward Irish, *Lieutenant*, Benjamin Simmonds, *Ensign*.

*W A R R E N;*

Benjamin Barton, *Captain*, John Adams, *Lieutenant*, Solomon Peck, *Ensign*.

*C U M B E R L A N D;*

Daniel Wilkinson, *Captain*, Benjamin Razey, *Lieutenant*, Nathanael Whipple, *Ensign*.

*R I C H M O N D;*

Joseph Enos, jun. *Captain*, James James, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Rogers, *Ensign*.

*N E W P O R T Troop of Horse;*

Sylvester Woodman, *Captain*, Richard Greenhill, *Lieutenant*, Samuel Bayley (of Little-Compton), *Cornet*.

*P R O V I D E N C E Troop of Horse;*

Jeremiah Whipple, *Captain*, John Levally, *Lieutenant*, Henry Gardner, *Cornet*.

**T**HE Hon. Gideon Wanton, Esq; and Benjamin Nickols, James Sheffield, Daniel Updike, Edward Scots, James Arnold, George Brown, and Gideon Cornell, Elqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for Signing the Bills of Publick Credit, &c.

Benjamin Nickols, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, is chosen and appointed to take, and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Monies due, and to be due thereon: And he is also hereby impowered to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages, or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money: And in Case of Non-payment, he is likewise hereby impowered to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make due Payment.

*COMMITTEES chosen for the several Towns, for the Management  
of the Colony's Money, let, or to be let on Loan.*

<i>Newport</i> ;	<i>East-Greenwich</i> ;	<i>Exeter</i> ;
Benjamin Nichols, Nicholas Easton.	Thomas Spencer,	Benoni Hall, Abner Spencer (Son of Michael).
<i>Providence</i> ;		<i>Middletown</i> ;
Ezekiel Warner, Jonathan Randall,	Joseph Clark,	Daniel Gould, John Rogers.
<i>Portsmouth</i> ;	Joseph Underwood.	<i>Bristol</i> ;
John Coggeshall, Benjamin Hix.	<i>Smithfield</i> ;	Jonathan Peck, Thomas Green.
<i>Warwick</i> ;	Thomas Steere,	<i>Tiverton</i> ;
Jeremiah Lippit, Elisha Green.	John Aldrich	John Manchester, Thomas Howland.
<i>Westerly</i> ;	<i>Scituate</i> ;	<i>Little-Compton</i> ;
William Babcock, Silas Greenman.	Job Randal, Charles Harris.	John Hunt, William Willbor, <i>jun.</i>
<i>New-Shoreham</i> ;	<i>Gloucester</i> ;	<i>Warren</i> ,
Robert Hull, Nathanael Littlefield.	Richard Steere, Abraham Tourtelot.	Matthew Allen, Benjamin Barton.
<i>North-Kingstown</i> ;	<i>Charlestown</i> ;	<i>Cumberland</i> ;
John Congdon, <i>jun.</i> Edward Dyre, <i>jun.</i>	Joseph Stanton, <i>jun.</i>	Job Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet.
<i>South-Kingstown</i> ;	<i>West-Greenwich</i> ;	<i>Richmond</i> ;
Jeffry Watson, Stephen Hafzard, <i>jun.</i>	Jeremiah Ellis, George Gardner.	Richard Baley, John Webster.
	<i>Coventry</i> ;	
	Caleb Greene, George Hall.	

*Edward Thurston*, General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Simon Pease, James Honyman, Daniel Jencks, Joshua Babcock, Daniel Updike, and Edward Scott, Esqrs.* or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to draw up such Instructions, to be sent to the Agent, respecting the Bill lying before the Parliament, relating to the Paper Currency, as may be most for the Interest and Advantage of this Colony; and make Report to this Assembly, at this Session, or next.

Whereas the Cellar under the Colony House in *Newport*, might be hired out to Advantage, if put in good Order; but at present is altogether useless: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee that was appointed to build said House, lease out the said Cellar (taking the best Care for the Preservation and Safety of the House) for the Space of Seven Years, unto such Person or Persons as they shall think proper, on

this Condition, *to wit*, The Lessee or Lessees shall be obliged to divide the Cellar into four Apartments with Plank; to paye one Part thereof, and Floor the other with Plank; to supply the Windows with Sash Glass, and secure them with good Shutters; and at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term, peaceably to surrender and deliver up the said Cellar, thus fitted and finished, unto the Colony, or such Person or Persons as shall be authorized to take Possession thereof, in good and tenentable Repair.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That for the future there be annually chosen one Captain for Fort George (and no other Commission Officer): And that the Captain's Allowance for his Service, be One Hundred Pounds *per Year*: That he keep there continually Four Soldiers, and no more: That they, boarding themselves, be allowed Eighteen Pounds each, *per Month*: And that the Gunner of Fort George, be allowed Eighteen Pounds *per Month* (besides his other Perquisites) for his Wages, and Board Wages

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, provide Liquor to the Amount of Fifty Pounds, to entertain those Gentlemen that shall attend the Solemnity of proclaiming Peace.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Peter Bours, Edward Scott, Samuel Wickham, Stephen Hopkins, and George Wanton, Esqrs. Messrs. James Sheffield, and Thomas Cranston, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit all the Agent's Accounts, down to this Day; and to inquire whether all the Vouchers necessary to support the Colony's Accounts, of the Charge of the *Canada Expedition*, are sent Home; if not, that they procure what are still wanting, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas *Benjamin Tucker*, of *Portsmouth*, in the County of *Newport*, Esq: did, by Petition, represent to this Assembly, That *Jonathan Childs* failed from the Harbour of *Tiverton*, the fourteenth Day of *May*, A. D. 1747, in the Schooner *Success*, as Mate, (*Thomas Caje*, Master), bound unto the Island of *New-Providence*, in the *West-Indies*: That in their Return Home, they were taken by a *Spanish* Privateer belonging to the *Havanna*: That soon after the Capture, the said *Caje* ransomed his Vessel, and put the said *Childs* on board the *Spanish* Privateer, by Way of Hostage; and since the Arrival of the aforesaid Schooner, neither the said *Caje*, nor the Owners of said Schooner, have ever ransomed said *Childs*: And the said *Benjamin* suggesting (that by the Preliminary Articles sign'd at *Aix la Chapelle*, the Nineteenth Day of *April*, A. D. 1748), all Hostages are to be given up without Ransom, they paying the Debts they have contracted since their Confinement in the Country where they have been detained; prayed, that *Matthew Berden*, Master of the Sloop *Elizabeth*, might have a Commission under the Seal of the Colony, to proceed unto the *Havanna*, in order to bring him the said *Jonathan Childs* thence, out of his Confinement; and that the same should be performed, and no Cost accrue to the Colony thereby: And that the aforesaid *Matthew* should be under any such Restrictions as this Assembly should enjoin, upon the Account of Trade and Traffick.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,*  
That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition, be, and it hereby is granted ;  
and that a Commission be issued unto the said *Matthew Borden*, under the  
Seal of the Colony, for the End and Purpose aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Whipple, and Peter Bourne, Esqrs.*  
Messrs. *Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and John Tillinghast*, be, and  
they are hereby constituted a Committee, to audit the General Treasurer's  
and Commissary's Accounts, and make Report to this Assembly, at their  
next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield,*  
and *John Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee,  
to take an Account of the Warlike, and other Stores and Materials, be-  
longing to the Colony, and make Report to this Assembly, at their  
next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Deputies,*  
Messrs. *Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield*, be, and they, or the major  
Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to assist the Attorney  
in the Case the Governor and Company of this Colony against *Tableel*  
*Brenion*, Esq; in procuring Evidences, and all other Requisites necessary  
to be laid before the Audit, to set the Case in a true Light.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings-County*,  
prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee of a proper Person or Persons,  
to repair the Goal and Goal House in said *Kings-County* : On Considera-  
tion whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and*  
*Resolved, That Capt. Robert Hazard, and the said Beriah Brown, be, and*  
they are hereby constituted a Committee, to repair the Goal and Goal House  
aforesaid, at the Charge of the Colony.

Whereas *Thomas Howland* and Company, Merchants, by Petition,  
represented to this Assembly, That *Gideon Wanton*, jun. late Commander  
of the Sloop *Rebecca*, sail'd from the Harbour of *Tiverton*, the 14th Day  
of *July* last, bound to the *Leeward Islands* : That in Prosecution of his  
intended Voyage, on the 15th Day of *September* following, being six  
Leagues to the Westward of *Cape Donna Maria*, he was surpriz'd and  
taken by an armed Brigantine belonging to the Subjects of the King of  
*Spain*, who carried the said *Gideon* and Sloop, into the Port of *Leogen*, on  
the Island of *Hispaniola* ; and after a short Stay of about three or four  
Hours, forced the said *Gideon Wanton* on Shore, with all his Men, save  
one, and then carried the said Sloop into *St. Jago de Cuba*, where said  
Sloop and Cargo were condemned as lawful Prize ; which the said *Thomas*  
and Company suggested, was in open Violation to the Cessation of Hosti-  
lities by Sea and Land, agreed on between His Britannick Majesty and the  
*French* King, at *Aix la Chapelle*, the Nineteenth Day of *April* (Old Style),  
*A. D. 1748*, and afterwards acceded to by the King of *Spain* : And that  
the aforesaid *Thomas* and Company, applyed to the General Assembly, at  
their

their Session held at *Providence*, on the last Wednesday of *October* last, for the Protection of this Government, in sending a proper Vessel, with all Papers necessary, to make Demand of the said Sloop and her Cargo, which was by them conceded to: And thereupon, the said *Thomas* and Company sent the aforesaid *Gideon Wanton* in the Sloop *Manufactury*, unto the *Spanish* Settlement of *St. Jago de Cuba*, in order to make a Demand of said Sloop and her Cargo: But that upon his Arrival there, the *Spaniards* treated him in a most barbarous and arbitrary Manner, forcing him out of the Harbour, and threat'ning to sink his Vessel, not suffering him to speak with the Governor of the Place, nor any of the chief Officers, pretending that the aforesaid Sloop *Rebecca* was taken before the Cessation of Arms took Place. And the said *Thomas* and Company, farther alledged, That they can fully prove, that the said *Gideon Wanton*, was with the aforesaid Sloop *Rebecca* under his Command, at the Port of *Petis Gravon*, on *Hispaniola*, two Days preceeding the Capture, and there had Liberty to Wood and Water, from the Commanding Officer, which was some considerable Time after the aforesaid Cessation of Arms took Place. And thereupon, they, the said *Thomas* and Company, supplicated this Assembly, that a Commission might be to them granted, under the Seal of this Colony, empowering them to proceed for the Island of *Hispaniola* aforesaid, there to take such Evidence as they can obtain, that they may be enabled to lay the whole Affair before His Majesty in Council, for Redress. And that the Voyage shall be perform'd without any Charge to the Government; they submitting themselves to any Restrictions this Assembly should think proper to impose.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition, be, and it is hereby granted; provided no Provisions or Merchandise be exported in said Vessel, to traffick with, more than is absolutely necessary for sustaining the People that shall go in said Vessel, and to pay the Charges of said Voyage.*

Whereas *William Hopkins*, Esq; who was by this Assembly, again chosen Third Judge of the Superior Court, &c. refused to serve any longer in that Office; whereupon *John Freebody*, jun. Esq; was chosen in his Room, who likewise refusing, This Assembly do choose and appoint *Stephen Paine*, Esq; third Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

*Eliza Shearman*, Esq; is chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Newport*, &c

*Capt. Walter Chaloner*, is chosen Captain of Fort *George* for the Year ensuing.

*Matthew Manchester*, and *Joseph Pester*, Esqrs. are chosen Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Providence*.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business before this Assembly, that remaineth unfinished, be referred to the next Session thereof, which is hereby appointed to be at *Newport*, on the second Monday of *June* next.*

**GOD Save the KING.**



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, begun and held by Adjournment, at Newport, the second Monday of June, in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And in the Year of Our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine.

## P R E S E N T,

The Honourable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. WILLIAM ELLERY, Esq; Deputy Governor.

PETER BOURS, Esq;	Afft.	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
SIMON PEASE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
EDWARD KINNICUT, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;		JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;		

## The SECRETARY.

## DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	PORTSMOUTH;	JOSHUA BABCOCK, Esq;
George Wanton, Esq;	Mr. Oliver Earl,	NEWSHOREHAM;
Mr. Joseph Whipple, jun.	Mr. John Allen,	None.
Mr. Thomas Cranston,	Benjamin Tucker, Esq;	NORTH-KINGSTON;
Mr. John Tillingshaft,	WARWICK;	Col. Immanuel Northup,
Mr. Nickolas Easton,	Philip Greene, Esq;	Capt. Daniel Fones.
Mr. James Sheffield.	Mr. John Holden,	SOUTH-KINGSTON;
PROVIDENCE;	Capt. Amos Lockwood.	Capt. Robert Hazard,
Jonathan Randal, Esq;	WESTERLY;	Mr. Rowland Robinson.
The Speaker.	Capt. Silas Greenman,	EAST-
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EAST-GREENWICH;	Mr. James Congdon.	TIVERTON;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	WEST-GREENWICH;	John Howland, Esq;
Capt. Thomas Spencer.	Mr. Jeremiah Ellis,	Mr. Edward Wanten.
JAMESTOWN;	Mr. George Gardner.	LITTLE-COMPTON;
Mr. Daniel Weeden,	COVENTRY;	William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Joseph Clark.	None.	Nathaniel Searle, Esq;
SMITHFIELD;	EXETER;	WARREN;
Thomas Lapham, Esq;	Capt. John Weight,	James Smith, Esq;
Mr. John Aldrich.	Mr. Benoni Gardner.	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
SCITUATE;	MIDDLETOWN;	CUMBERLAND;
Mr. Thomas Ralph.	Capt. Robert Barker,	Israel Whipple, Esq;
GLoucester;	Mr. Jonathan Easton.	Job Bartlet, Esq;
Maj. Richard Smith.	BRISTOL;	RICHMOND;
CHARLESTOWN;	Jonathan Peck, Esq;	Joseph Clark, Esq;
Col. Joseph Stanton,	Thomas Greene, Esq;	James Rogers, Esq;

Mr. Jonas Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

*An ACT for the Establishing and Regulating of FEES.*

*BE IT ENACTED* by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That the Establishment of the Fees of the several Officers in this Colony, shall be as followeth.

*In the Superior Court.*

Justice's Fees.

	£. s. d.
FOR Entry of every Action for Tryal,	6 0 0
For the taking every Special Bail,	0 4 0
For allowing of a Writ of Error,	0 6 0
For allowing a <i>Habeas Corpus</i> ,	0 4 0
For confessing Judgment,	0 4 0
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,	0 4 0
In all criminal Causes where a Fine is set,	0 12 0
For Taxing every Bill of Cost,	0 4 0

Clerk's Fees.

FOR Entry of every Action,	0 5 0
For filing Reasons of Appeal, or Answer,	0 2 0
For all Copies not exceeding one Page,	0 5 0
If above one Page, for the first Page,	0 5 0
For every Page above one, Twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0 4 0
For every Action call'd,	0 2 0
For a <i>Scire Facias</i> and Seal,	0 5 0
For Recording Judgment,	0 6 0
For swearing every Witness,	0 2 0

For

	£. s. d.
For a Writ of Execution,	0 10 0
For writing Evidences, the same as copying,	0 4 0
For Acquittal of Felony, or Suspicion thereof,	0 4 0
For Entring a Rule of Court,	0 4 0
For every Bond taken,	0 3 4
For Entring Traverse upon Indictment,	0 2 0
For Filing an Inventory of Goods taken by Execution,	0 1 0
For every Person summoned,	0 2 0
For filing every Return in Court,	0 1 0
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,	0 3 0
For withdrawing an Action,	0 4 0
For Dilcharge of every Person upon Bail to the Peace, &c.	0 4 0
For every Petition read in Court,	0 4 0
For Order thereon,	0 4 0
For Examining every Bill of Cost,	0 2 0
For Searching of Records,	0 2 0
If above one Hour, for every Hour above one,	1 0 0
For attending the Court, by the Day,	0 8 0
For a Writ of Review,	0 8 0

*Secretary's Fees.*

<b>F</b> OR Engrossing the Acts or Laws of the General Assembly, each ; to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0 10 0
For every Commission for the Justices of each County ; to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0 10 0
For every Commission for a Military Officer ; to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0 6 0
For a Special Warrant or Mittimus, by Order of the Governor and Council,	0 6 0
For every Commission under the Colony's Seal, for Places of Profit,	0 10 0
For every Bond,	0 6 0
For every Order of Council, to the Benefit of particular Persons,	0 5 0
For every Petition to the Governor and Council, or General Assembly,	0 4 0
And where there is an Adverse Party,	0 6 0
For transcribing the Acts or Laws pass'd by the General Assembly, into a Book ; for every Page, Twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0 5 0
For copying, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court,	0 4 0
For Attending the General Assembly, and General Council, <i>per Day</i> ,	1 10 0
For fixing the Colony's Seal to any Commission, or other Writing,	0 10 0
For Entring a Protest in Court,	0 4 0

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*In the Inferior Court.**Justice's Fees.*

**F**OR Entring every Action,  
For taking Special Bail,  
For confessing Judgment,  
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,  
For Taxing every Bill of Cost,

*L. s. d.*  
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0 4 0  
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0 2 0

*Clerk's Fees.*

**F**OR every Writ and Seal,  
For Entring every Action,  
For Entring Judgment upon Record,  
For all Copies, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court,  
For every Action withdrawn or Nonsuit,  
For every Execution,  
For filing every Declaration, Reason of Appeal, and Answer,  
or Plea,  
For every Action called in Court,  
For Entering *Nil. Dic.*,  
For Entering a Rule of Court to Referees or Auditors,  
For Bond in the Clerk's Office,  
And where the Attorney, being a Freeholder, becomes obliged,  
the same Fee,  
For every Person summoned,  
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,  
For searching the Records, not exceeding one Hour,  
If above one Hour, for the first Hour,  
And for every Hour after,  
For every Return to Court,  
For Examining every Bill of Cost,  
For swearing every Witness,  
For writing Evidences, the same as copying,  
For Entring Appearance,  
For Attending the Court by the Day,

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*Clerk of the Sessions of the Peace, his Fees.*

**F**OR Entering Complaint upon Indictment,  
For every Recognizance,  
For Discharge of every Recognizance,  
For making forth a Process against Criminals,  
For every Warrant for the Peace or good Behaviour,  
For Acquittal of Felony, or Suspicion thereof,  
In all other Respects, the same as the Clerk of the Inferior  
Court of Common Pleas.

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*Justices*

*Justices of the Peace, and Wardens, their Fees*

	<i>L. s. d.</i>
<b>F</b> OR a Writ of Arrest,	
For every Summons,	0 4 0
For Annexing an Account,	0 2 0
For Administiring an Oath or Engagement,	0 2 0
For Writing an Evidence,	0 2 0
For Judgment,	0 3 0
For Recording thereof,	0 16 0
For Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	0 6 0
For Bond on Appeal,	0 6 0
For an Execution,	0 4 0
For every Recognizance,	0 6 0
For the Copy of a Case, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court,	0 4 0
For taking the Acknowledgment of any Writing,	0 4 0

*Sheriff's Fees.*

<b>F</b> OR serving a Writ, not above one Mile from Home,	0 4 0
If above one Mile, for every Mile's travel forward and backward, <i>One Shilling</i> ,	0 1 0
For attending a Prisoner before imprisoned, by the Day,	0 10 0
For the Copy of a Writ,	0 3 0
For attending the Courts, by the Day,	1 4 0
For Attendance in every Action,	0 2 0
For Discharge of any Person upon Bail to the Peace,	0 4 0
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,	0 0 8
For Bail Bond in civil Actions,	0 4 0
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	0 8 0
For serving Execution, not exceeding <i>Ten Pounds</i> , each Pound,	0 1 6
If above <i>Ten Pounds</i> , and not exceeding <i>Fifty Pounds</i> , each Pound,	0 1 0
If above <i>Fifty Pounds</i> , and not exceeding <i>One Hundred Pounds</i> , each Pound,	0 0 9
If above <i>One Hundred Pounds</i> , and not exceeding <i>Two Hundred Pounds</i> , each Pound,	0 0 6
All above <i>Two Hundred Pounds</i> , and not exceeding <i>Three Hundred Pounds</i> , each Pound,	0 0 4
For all Executions above <i>Three Hundred Pounds</i> , Two Pence for each Pound,	0 0 2
For all Executions serv'd one Mile or upwards, from the Court House, <i>Six Pence per Mile</i> forward and backward,	
For turning the Key on every Prisoner committed,	0 4 0
For Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the King,	0 10 0
For serving a Summons not exceeding one Mile from Home,	
If above one Mile, the same travelling Fees as for serving of Writs,	0 2 0

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*Attorney*

## Attorney General's Fees.

**F**OR every Bill of Indictment or Presentment drawn and found by the Grand Jury,  
For every *Ditto* drawn and putt to the Court, if not found by the Grand Jury,  
For every Criminal executed to Death,  
For Discharge of every Person upon Bond to the Peace,  
For every Days Attendance in the Courts,  
For appearing and pleading for the King on an Appeal,

*L. s. d.*  
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0 8 0  
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## Other Fees allow'd in Court.

**F**OR Attorney's and Council's Fees,  
For drawing a Bill of Cost,  
For every Person discharged from Bail to the King, to the Serjeant,  
For every Evidence attending the Court, by the Day,  
And for his Travel, *Twelve Pence per Mile* out, and the same Home,  
For every Action call'd, to the Serjeant,  
For the Jury paid down by the Plaintiff,  
For the Attendance of the Party, Recovering Judgment, *per Day*,  
For Power of Attorney, and Probate of the same,  
For Travel of every Plaintiff and Defendant, recovering Cost,  
*Eight Pence per Mile* to the Court, and the same back,  
For every Witness summoned, the same,  
In all Actions for the Colony's Tenth and Interest Bonds,  
half so much as in other Cases, excepting to the Sheriffs,  
for serving Writs, and travelling Fees, the same as in other Actions,

1 10 0  
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## For Probate of Wills, &amp;c.

**F**OR the Probate of a Will, where the Inventory exceeds not *One Hundred Pounds*,  
For every *Hundred Pounds* above *One Hundred Pounds*, to the Town Council,  
For Probate of the Inventory, where no Will appears, and where the Inventory exceeds not *One Hundred Pounds*, If above, for every *Hundred Pounds* more, to the Town Council,

0 10 0  
0 3 0  
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## Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Council, their Fees.

**F**OR Entering a Caveat against the Probate of a Will, or granting of Administration,  
For taking Bond, and granting Administration under the Seal of the Town Council,

0 2 0  
0 8 0  
For

	£. s. d.
For Registering and Copying, if not exceeding one Page,	0 4 0
If above one Page, for every Page, Twenty-five Lines in a Page, and eight Words in a Line,	0 3 0
For every Citation and Summons,	0 2 0
For Bond, and granting License under the Town Council Seal,	0 10 0
For Bond of every Person that comes to dwell in the Town, To the Town Serjeant or Constable, for serving every Summons or Citation, if not above one Mile from Home,	0 4 0
If above one Mile from Home, for every Mile's Travel out and Home,	0 2 0
	0 1 0

*Fees in the Court of Vice-Admiralty.*

Judge's Fees	Advocates Fees	Registers & Marshal's Fees
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1 10 0	1 10 0	1 0 0
0 12 0	0 12 00	12 0
0 10 0	0 10 0	
0 8 0	0 8 0	
2 0 0	1 0 00	10 0
4 0 0	1 10 00	10 0
		0 4 0
		0 2 0
		0 10 0
		0 2 8
		0 2 0
		0 1 4
		0 1 0
		0 0 8
		0 16 0
		1 10 0
		2 0 0
		1 10 0

**F**OR drawing a Libell,  
For filing and allowing the same,  
Citation for Appearance, Seal and Service,  
Summons for Witnesses and Seal,  
Filing Papers, and Taxing Cost,  
An Interlocutory Decree, and Recording, &c.  
An Enactment,  
Decree Definitive, and Recording,  
For every Evidence summoned within a Mile of the Court,  
And if above one Mile, *Two Shillings per Mile*,  
Bail Bond,  
For levying Execution, for the first *Twenty Pounds*, or under, *per Pound*,  
If above *Twenty Pounds*, and not exceeding *Forty Pounds*, *per Pound*,  
If above *Forty Pounds*, and not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, *per Pound*,  
If above *One Hundred Pounds*, and not exceeding *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Pound*,  
All above *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Pound*,  
For executing a Warrant for Debtors. Deserters, &c. on board Sh p, if at the Wharff,  
If in the Road, on this Side, or within *Goat-Island*,  
If without, or beyond *Goat-Island*,  
For taking a Vessel into Custody, on Arrest for Wages.

For

	Judge's Fees.	Advocates Fees.	Register's Fees	Marshal's Fees.
	L. s. d.	L. s. d.	L. s. d.	L. s. d.
For taking every Evidence in Court, Advocate's Fee,	0 4 0	2 0 0	0 4 0	2 0
To the Advocate General, for drawing an Information on Penal Statutes,		4 0 0		
For pleading thereto, till Decree be ob- tained,		4 0 0		
For Copy of a Libell,			0 10 0	
For Copy of an Information,			0 10 0	
For Copy of a Decree,			1 0 0	
For a Retraxit,	1 0 0		0 10 0	8 0
Warrant for Survey or Appraisement, or for Debtors or Deserters,	0 16 0		1 16 0	
For every Condemnation of Ship or Goods, except Prizes, or Prize Goods, taken in War, Two and an Half per Cent. viz. Two Thirds to the Judge, two Thirds of the other Third to the Register, and the Remainder to the Marshal,				
For all Money paid into Court on Con- demnation, One per Cent. Poundage, viz. One Third to the Judge, and two Thirds to the Register,				
For Entring every Motion for an Ap- peal,	1 10 0		0 10 0	
For Allowing or Disallowing thereof,			0 12 0	
For Copy of every Case, <i>Ten Shillings</i> for the first Sheet, and <i>Five Shillings</i> for every Sheet after, to the Register ; every Sheet containing Four Hundred Words,				
For every Adjournment,	2 0 0		0 12 0	12 0
For every Bond for prosecuting Appeals,			0 16 0	
For summoning of Appraisers, each			0 8 0	

### Notary Publick's Fees.

	£. s. d.
To swearing to Protests,	0 10 0
To drawing <i>Ditto</i> ,	0 10 0
To sealing <i>Ditto</i> ,	0 10 0
To Registering the same in the Office,	0 10 0
To Copy of <i>Ditto</i> ,	0 10 0

### Coroner's Fees.

FOR taking every Inquisition,  
Besides the above Fee, *Twenty Skillings per Day*, for his  
Travel and Expences, for every Inquisition by him taken,  
Each Juror *per Day*,

The above Fees to be paid out of the Estate of the Deceased, if any to be found : If no Estate to be found, then the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury of the Town where the dead Body shall be found.

*Town Serjeant, and Constable's Fees.*

FOR serving of every Warrant, if not above one Mile from Home,	0 4 0
If above one Mile from Home, for every Mile forward and backward, One Shilling.	
For Copy of a Warrant,	0 3 0
For Bail Bond in civil Actions,	0 4 0
For serving a Summons, the same as the Sheriff.	
For Attending on Justices Courts, <i>per Day</i>	0 10 0

*General Assembly's Fees*

FOR every Petition preferr'd to the General Assembly,	4 0 0
To be divided between the two Houses ; the Upper House one Third, and Lower House two Thirds, over and above what is allowed to the Secretary and Clerk.	

*Vendue Master's Fees*

FOR every Vendue, where the whole Amount of the Goods sold, does not exceed One Thousand Pounds, Two and an Half per Cent.	
For every Vendue, where the whole Amount of the Goods sold, exceeds One Thousand Pounds, One and an Half per Cent.	

*An ACT enabling the Clerks of the several Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Colony, for the Time being, to surrogate and appoint Deputies under them.*

*B*E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several Clerks of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in this Colony, for the Time being, to surrogate and appoint Deputies under them, who are hereby authorized and impowered, being first sworn, to act and do in the Absence of said Clerks respectively, all Things by Law required of them, as fully and amply, in all Things, and to all Intents and Purposes, as the said Clerks themselves might or could do, were they personally present : And that the said Clerks be accountable for all the Doings of their said Deputies.

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*An ACT in Addition to several Acts of Assembly, ascertaining the Number of Jurors to attend on the several Courts in this Colony, and the Times of their Attendance.*

*B*E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority hereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, the Number of Twenty-four Petit Jurors attend on the Superior Court, when and as often as the same sits, in the County of Newport; and also the same Number of Petit Jurors attend on the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for said County of Newport: And that to each of said Courts, the Town of Newport send twelve Petit Jurors; Portsmouth three; Jamestown one; Middletown three; Tiverton three; and Little-Compton two; to be improved by the respective Courts, either for one Jury or two, as they shall think proper: And that the first Jury be fill'd up with the same Number out of each Town, as was formerly sent by each Town, in Case a sufficient Number are present; if not, then out of the other Jurors. And that when two Juries be improv'd, that the Court have Power to order Talesmen to be taken up, as usual: And that the Superior Court when sitting in other Counties in this Colony, and also the Inferior Courts of said Counties, in Case a sufficient Number of Jurors do not attend such Courts, or are challenged, and taken off, that in such Case, the said several Courts be, and they are hereby empowered to grant a Warrant to the Sheriff of the County where said Courts are sitting, to return such a Number of good and lawful Men as shall be wanting, from any Part of the County, at his Discretion, to serve so long as the Court shall have Occasion for them, and to be under the same Fine for Delinquency, as those are that are drawn out of the Box. And that the Petit Jury attend the Superior Court upon the first Day of their Sitting; and in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Newport, the third Day of the Court's Sitting; in the County of Kings County, the second Day of the Court's Sitting; and that in the Counties of Providence and Bristol, at the Times by Law now established.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Sheriff is a Party in any Cause pending in any of said Courts, or otherwise too nearly concern'd, to execute his Office impartially, the respective Courts are hereby empowered to appoint any other proper Person to act as Sheriff in such Case, whose Doings therein shall be good and valid, as tho' done by the Sheriff himself.*

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*An ACT ascertaining how Payment shall be made for erecting a Light-House on Beaver-Fait.*

**W**HEREAS in and by an ACT of the General Assembly, pass'd the 23d Day of August, A.D. 1735, for emitting of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit, it was ordered, That the

the third Year's Interest of said Sum, should be appropriated to the building a Light-House at *Brazier-Tail*; which Building being postpon'd, the one Half of said Year's Interest was paid into the several Towns in this Colony: But as the General Assembly has lately ordered the building said Light-House to be proceeded on, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Tenth or last Year's Interest of said Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, be appropriated to building said Light-House; and that if any particular Towns have receiv'd their half Part of said last Year's Interest, that so much be stopt out of what they are hereafter to receive of the Interest of the Bank emitted in the Year 1743.

*IT IS VOTED AND RESOLVED*, That Mr. *Richard Partridge*, Agent for this Colony, be allowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, for his Extraordinary Trouble in the Affair of the Controversy respecting the Boundary Line between the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and this Colony: And that he be allow'd Two per Cent. for receiving the Money granted by the Crown to this Colony, for repaying the Charge of the *Canada* Expedition: And that the Agent give this Colony Credit for the Four Hundred Pounds Sterling, by him charg'd the Twenty-first Day of *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-four, for future Services, &c. And that the Charge of Eighty-two Pounds Sterling in his Account, for the Lots in the Bills drawn on this Colony, in Favour of *Oliver and Phillips*, be not allow'd, until it be further explained by the Agent; and that the rest of his whole Account be allow'd: And that *Peter Bours*, Esq; *Messrs. Thomas Gransten*, and *Joseph Whipple*, jun. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to draught a Letter to be perus'd by this Assembly, and sign'd by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent: And that he be properly impowered by this Colony, to receive the Money from the Lords of the Treasury, or from whomsoever else it shall be due, for the Bills of Exchange that this Government shall have a Right to draw for what they have paid the Soldiers raised for the intended Expedition against *Canada*, that hath not been already refunded this Colony.

Whereas *Joseph Whipple*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by *Solomon Gardner* charg'd against him, for Entertaining the Honourable Sir *Peter Warren* at *Newport*, in the Year 1746; which being taken into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be allow'd, and that the Amount thereof, being Forty-six Pounds Ten Shillings, be paid the aforesaid *Joseph Whipple* out of the General Treasury: It appearing by a Receipt under the Hand of the aforesaid *Solomon*, that said Sum hath already been paid him by the said *Joseph Whipple*.

Whereas *Richard Hoyle of Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, by Petition, represented to this Assembly, That while he was employed in the Colony's Service, at the Siege of *Louisburg*, in the Year 1745. and no Commissary appointed by this Colony, at that Time, he the said *Richard Hoyle* acted as such, from the sixteenth Day of *July*, to the eighteenth Day of

of November following, when a Commissary was appointed and sent: And thereupon pray'd this Assembly to allow him a Reward adequate to the Service perform'd.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,*  
That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed, and paid the said *Richard* out of the General Treasury, for his aforesaid Service.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor write a Letter in Behalf of the Government, to Sir Peter Warren, requesting that he would certify to the Lords of the Treasury, or where else it may be necessary, what may be within his Knowledge, of this Government's sending the three Companies rais'd for the intended Expedition against *Canada*, to *Annapolis-Royal*, by his and Governor *Shirley*'s Request: And that he would be plea'd to use his kind Offices in procuring for this Government, a Reimbursement of their Expence.

Whereas *Simon Pease*, *John Banister*, and *William Paul*, all of *Newport* aforesaid, Merchants, and liege Subjects of our Sovereign Lord the now King, represented to this Assembly, That they were sole Owners of the Snow *William*, late of this Port, Plantation built (commanded by *Joseph Carpenter*, and navigated with *English* Sailors, all Subjects of our said Lord the King); which said Snow was cleared out at the proper Offices in *Newport* aforesaid, the 22d Day of *September*, 1748, for the Island of *Barbados*, having her regular Papers properly authenticated: And in Prosecution of her intended Voyage, on the 30th Day of *October* following, she fell in with the Island of *Martinique* (Distance more than two Leagues), early in the Morning, when it fell calm, and continued so until Noon; during which Time they discovered a Vessel under the Land, rowing towards the Snow; on which the aforesaid Capt. *Carpenter* threw out his *English* Colours, as is customary in the like Cases. Said Vessel belonged to the aforesaid Island of *Martinique*, and was fitted out in a warlike Manner; who, after having come up with said Snow, ordered her Boat out, in which they enter'd her, took out the aforesaid Master and his Mate, intirely dispossessing them of the Command aforesaid; the Snow being at that Time on the high Seas as aforesaid. And they, the aforesaid *Simon*, *John* and *William*, further represented, That by these illegal Proceedings, they are depriv'd, and grievously spoil'd of their Snow and her Cargo, to their Damage *Thirty Thousand Pounds*: That in this Case, the Proceedings of the *French* King's Subjects, are contrary to the Law of Nations, and a high Contempt and Violation of the late Cessation of Arms then subsisting between the Powers at War; and that all Persons of Circumstance in this Colony, are virtually concerned in this Case (tho' in a more particular Manner those immediately in Navigation), as the Continuation of such Hostilities must in a great Measure destroy their Trade, as they are obliged oftentimes to pass and repass in their Voyages to and from the *English* Islands, by both *French* and *Spanish* Ports; therefore they intreated in Behalf of themselves and others concerned as aforesaid, the Assistance of this Assembly, to direct Mr. Agent *Partridge* to make a proper Representation and Complaint at Home, before the proper Persons, for these Purposes (for that they are well aware,

aware, as in the Case of Capt. *Cain*, that no Regard will be had to private Representations: That they the said *Simon, John and William*, may have Reparation, and other English Subjects may not for the future be treated with the like Severities. They also further prayed Liberty to represent to this Assembly, That they were in May last, advised from *St. Eustatia*, to send Capt. *Carpenter*, for that the General of *Martinique* had directed all the Captains that had been taken, to appear: Therefore they prayed this Assembly would permit them to have a Commission for a Flag of Truce, at their proper Cost and Charge, with a Letter from his Honour Governor *Greene*, upon the Premises.

On Consideration whereof.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That their, the said *Simon, John and William*'s last Request, to wit, a Commission for a Flag of Truce, and a Letter from his Honour the Governor, be, and it is hereby granted; and that the Consideration of the other Part of this Petition, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Twenty Pounds be allowed and paid *Daniel Durham*, and *Joseph Bennet*, out of the General Treasury; it being for sweeping the Colony Houte, &c. for two Years past.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Nine Pounds be allowed and paid *Francis Skinner* out of the General Treasury; it being the Ballance of his Account against the Colony, for four Books by him provided for the publick Records of the Superior Court, &c. in the several Counties of this Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence, be allowed and paid *George Lawton* out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of his Account against the Colony, for White-washing, mending the Windows, and other Necessaries by him found and provided for His Majesty's Goal in the County of *Newport*.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Six Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence, New Tenor, be allowed and paid to *Daniel Coggeshall*, Esq; and Mr. *George Tibbits*, out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of their Account for receiving and letting out the Town of *North-Kings-town*'s proportionable Part of the last Bank, emitted in the Year 1743, being Two Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Pounds New Tenor, and making Return of the Sureties for the same, to the Grand Committee.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Fifty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings, be allowed and paid to *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of his Account, for Monies by him expended at Entertaining those Gentlemen that gave their Attendance at the Proclamation of Peace.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sum of Twenty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence, be allowed and paid *Anne and James Franklin* out of

of the General Treasury ; it being the Amount of their Account for printing the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly, at their Sessions in *January* and *February* last, and for Paper by them furnished for the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Ninety Six Pounds Two Shillings, be allowed and paid to *Joseph Scott, Esq*; out of the General Treasury ; it being the Amount of his Account for Fire-Wood, and for other Necessaries for the Colony House, for Rugs for the Goal; for warning the Members of the General Assembly for the County of *Newport*, to meet at *Providence* on the 31 Day of *January*, 1748, with Horse-hire, and Expences on the same, and for warning Judge *Richmond*; and all the Attorneys in the County of *Newport*, to attend on the Superior Court at *Providence*, in Obedience to a Warrant from his Honour the Governor.

Whereas Messrs. *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield*, were by the General Assembly, at their last Session, appointed a Committee, to take an Account of the warlike, and other Stores, and Materials, belonging to the Colony, and make Report to this Assembly at their now Session ; and they having performed that Business, made Report as follows :

• **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, to take an Inventory of the Warlike Stores, &c. belonging to the Colony, do Report, according to said Appointment, as followeth :

‘ We viewed at Fort *G E O R G E*, in the lower Battery, *viz.*

‘ Twenty-five Cannon in Carriages, twenty-five Sponges with Staffs, thirty-six Crab Handspikes, four Ladles for the Cannon, and four Cannon Wormers, Eight Hundred and seventy-four Cannon Shot.

‘ On the Platform, &c.

‘ Twelve Cannon in Carriages, six Worms and two Ladles for *Ditto*, eleven Sponges, one Speaking Trumpet, 25 Handspikes, one Flag, and one Pendant, five spare Carriage Wheels, two Pickaxes, two Woodaxes, one Grindstone, one Iron Crow, one Wooden Horse, one Wheelbarrow, Nine Hundred and twenty-eight Shot, eight Iron Pots, one Fryan Pan.

‘ In the Magazine, *viz.*

‘ Seven 30 Gallon Casks of Powder, one Barrel *Ditto*, and five Half Barrels *Ditto*, twenty-three Cartridges fill'd for the 24 Pounders, one *Ditto* fill'd for the 18 Pounders.

‘ In the Chamber ;

‘ Three Gun Ladles, three Worms, seventeen Sheepskins, twenty-eight Pistols, seventeen Small Arms, twenty-eight Linstocks, one old Drum, nine Cartridge Boxes, nine Powder Horns, seventeen Cartouch Boxes, four Half Barrels fill'd with Granada Shells, one small Cask of Musket Cartridges, five Cartridge Formers, a Parcel of Match, a Quantity of empty Cartridges, four Cannon, four Cutlasses, a Parcel of Musket Ball.

• **In**

## ‘ In the State Room ;

‘ Thirteen Chairs, and one Table. — One Triangle Gin outside the Fort, one Boat with two Masts and Sails, one new Barge, one old Barge at the Wharff.

## ‘ In the Gun House on Fort Island :

‘ Sloop *Tartar*’s Stores, *viz.*

‘ Fourteen Carriage Guns and the Carriages, twelve Swivel Guns, one Pair Gun Slings, twenty-eight Gun Takles, fourteen Gun Breechings, One Hundred and ninety-two Round Shot, thirteen Sliding Shot, eighty-three Double-headed Shot, thirty Grape Shot, thirteen Bags Langrage, seven Lead Aprons for Carriage Guns, five *Ditto* for Swivel Guns, seven spare Trucks, seven spare Axletrees, one large Ladle, two large Worms, one large Spunge, one small Worm, one small Ladle, two Iron Crows.

‘ Twenty-four Tents, fifty Tentpoles, for Soldiers.

‘ In the Commissary’s Warehouse, Sloop *Tartar*’s Stores, *viz.*

‘ Ninety-three Small Arms, eighty-seven Pistols, seventy-eight Cutlasses, twelve Poleaxes, thirty-six Pikes, ten Cartridge Boxes, one small Cask of Musquet Ball, Takle Hooks, and Worms, a Parcel of Match, one Drui, one old Cafè, one Jug, two Jars, five Cheifs, one Chest of Medicines, twenty-four Granada Shells, twelve Linstocks, nineteen Handspikes, thirty-nine Sponges, Rammers, Ladles, and Worms, a small Parcel of Ropes and Blocks.

‘ A Parcel of old Tents, two Field Bedsteads, one Chest Medicines, ninety-three Small Arms, two Chests, two Cask of old Provisions, twelve Cartouch Boxes, for Soldiers.

‘ At *Thomas Stevens* Shop :

‘ One Hundred Fifty-nine Pistols, One Hundred and one Cutlasses, Governments.

‘ In the Powder House, *viz.*

‘ Thirty-five Half Barrels of Powder, seven Barrels of Powder, six Quarter Casks of Powder, one Chest of Cartouch Boxes fill’d with Powder and Ball.

‘ In *Mr. George Wanton*’s Store, *viz.*

‘ Eighty-three Small Arms, thirty-one Cartouch Boxes, sixty-five Tentpoles, Soldiers.

‘ In the Colony House, *viz.*

‘ Fifteen Half Barrels of Powder, one Chest of Cartouch Boxes fill’d with Powder and Ball, one Cask half full of Musquet Ball, One Hundred and Forty-eight Small Arms in 4 Chests.

At *Capt. Sayer*’s ;

‘ Fifty Small Arms, seventy-seven Cartouch Boxes, three Cutlasses ; for Soldiers.

At *Henry Tidale*’s ;

‘ Twenty-five Small Arms, seven *Ditto* without Locks, for Soldiers.

‘ Twelve Pistols, twelve Small Arms, and eight Cutlasses, for the Fort.

‘ *Memorandum* ;

‘ Twenty-two Half Barrels of Powder taken out of the Powder House, and dispoled of by the Commissary

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- One Half Barrel of Powder taken from the Colony House, and disposed of by *Joseph Whipple*, Esq;
- Ten Small Arms lent Governor *Shirley*; for which Capt. *Godfrey Mallbone* stands Surety.
- Ten Small Arms sent to *Block-Island* for their Defence.

Dated in Newport, Rhode-Island, this  
26th Day of May, 1749.

To which Report and Inventory, what follows was subjoined.

1749. May 26. Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr.

To our Time and Trouble, in taking the foregoing Inventory, £. 36 0 0

‘ JOHN TILLINGHAST,  
‘ THOMAS CRANSTON,  
‘ JAMES SHEFFIELD.’

JAMES SHEFFIELD.

And now this Assembly having duly considered the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report and Account, made and exhibited to this Assembly, be, and the same is hereby accepted: *And it is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Sum of Thirty six Pounds be paid to the said Committee, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Messrs. *John Tillinghast*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sheffield*, who were by the House of Deputies, at this present Session of Assembly, appointed a Committee, to consider what Part of the Colony's Stores may be dispensed of, made Report as follows:

Be it resolved, that we report as follows :  
• **W**• E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the House  
• of Deputies, to consider what Part of the Colony's Stores may  
• be disposed of, do Report, according to said Appointment, that our  
• Opinion is as followeth ;  
• A Parcel of Musquet Ball, in the Chamber of the Fort.  
• Twenty-four Tents, and fifty Tent Poles, in the Gun-House.  
• One Sailing Boat at the Wharff.

- One Tanning Boat at the Wharf.
- **Commissary's Warehouse;**
- Part of a Cask of Musquet Balls, one Jug, two Jars, two Chests of
- Medicines, a Parcel of Ropes and Blocks, a Parcel old Tents, two Field
- Bedheads, and two old Casks of Provisions.

‘ Powder House ;  
‘ Thirty-five Half Barrels of Powder, seven Barrels and six Quarter

- Casks *Ditto*, and the Powder and Ball in the Cartouch Boxes.
- Colony House;
- Fifteen Half Barrels of Powder, one Cask half full of Musquet Ball.

- Fifteen Half Barrels of Powder, one Cask half full of Mulecot Ball, and the Powder and Ball in the Cartouch Boxes.
- Sixty-five Tent Poles at Mr. George Wanton's Store.

• Sixty-five Tent Poles at Mr. George Branton's Store.  
• Commissary to Account for twenty-two Half Barrels of Powder, at  
• Sixty Pounds per Cent.

‘*Joseph Whipple* to Account for one *Ditto*,  
‘*Capt. Godfrey Mullbone* to Account for ten Small Arms lent Governor

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County of *Providence* ;

‘ Five Barrels of Powder, and Five Hundred Weight of Ball.

‘ *Kings-County* ;

‘ Five Barrels of Powder, and Five Hundred Weight of Ball.

Dated in Newport, Rhode-Island, this ‘ JOHN TILLINCHAST,14<sup>th</sup> Day of June, A. D. 1749. ‘ THOMAS CRANSTON‘ JAMES SHEFFIELD.’

And now this Assembly having duly considered the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is hereby *Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be, and it is hereby Accepted ; and that all the Stores therein mentioned (excepting the Musquet Balls, and also the Powder in the Cartouch Boxes) be forthwith sold at a Publick Vendue, and the Money arising thereby, be lodged in the General Treasury : And that a Commissary be appointed to take Care of the Colony’s Arms, and get them cleaned, and lodge them in the Garret of the Colony House, together with all other Warlike Stores belonging to the Colony (excepting such only as properly belong to the Fort, and the Cannon and Swivel Guns which belonged to the Sloop *Tartar*) : And that no more than six Small Arms be left at the Fort.

Whereas *Joseph Whipple* and *Peter Bruns*, Esqrs. *Thomas Cranston*, *James Sheffield*, and *John Tillingh jt*, were by this Assembly, at their last Session, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the present General Treasurer, with this Colony, and make Report to this Assembly : And the aforesaid Gentlemen having compleated that Work, reported, That they found there is due from the said *Thomas Richardson* to the Colony, the Sum of Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence : as by an Account by them stated and delivered in with the Report.

On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the above Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

Whereas the above-named Gentlemen, were at the above-mentioned Session, also appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *John Gardner*, Esq: late Commissary, charg’d against the Colony ; and having likewise compleated that Work, they made a Report (to which they ad oin’d an Account for their Time and Trouble in this and the foregoing Affair) *viz.* That according to said Appointment, they had audited the Accounts of the aforesaid *John Gardner*, Esq; and found there is due from the Colony to said *John Gardner*, Fifteen Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and Seven Pence ; and also that they found there is due to Mr. *Samuel Prebbody*, for Part of his Wages, ————— £. 120

And to the Gunner, for Part of his Wages also, ————— 58

———— £. 178 not charg’d

in the Commissary’s Account against the Colony.

On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Report be, and it is hereby accepted ; and that the Account by them charged against the Colony for their Time and Trouble in this and the next preceding Affair, and indorsed on the aforesaid Report, allow’d, and the Amount thereof, being Sixty Pounds, paid them out of the Geneal Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Joseph Ierzon*, one of the Sheriff's Deputies in the County of *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly four Accounts by him charged against the Colony, for sundry Services by him done and perform'd for the Publick ; *It is therupon Voted and Resolved*, That said Accounts be, and they are hereby allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirty-six Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, paid him out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That no Account shall be received by the General Assembly, of any Deputy Sheriff, for Service done for the Colony : But that for the future, all Accounts for such Service, shall be exhibited by the Sheriffs themselves, who shall certify the Truth and Certainty of the Service alledged to be done and charg'd in such Accounts.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee who were by the General Assembly appointed to pay off the Forces raised for the intended Expedition against *Canada*, Account to this Assembly for the Money they have received for the Use aforesaid : And that they pay what Ballance now is in their Hands, into the General Treasury, before the Rising of this Assembly, or at the next Session thereof.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be allow'd and paid out of the General Treasury, to his Honour the Governor, for his last Year's Salary and extraordinary Service.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bourne*, *Simon Pease*, and *George Wanton*, Esqrs. together with *Messrs. Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sheffield*. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Grand Committees Accounts, and receive of them what Money is in their Office paid in for Tenthys : And also to receive of *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; the *Three Thousand Pounds* delivered to him by a former Committee to be exchang'd, and burn the whole of the said Monies, when by them so receiv'd, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Both Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, *Thomas Lapham*, Esq; was chosen one of the Justices of the Interior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*, in the Room of *David Cumstock*, Esq; who refused

*Stephen Brayton*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Portsmouth*.

*Benjamin Fish*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for said Town of *Portsmouth*, in the Room of *Giles Stocum*, jun. Esq; who refused.

*Mr. Henry Tisdale* was chosen Commissary, to take Care of the Colony's Arms, &c.

*John Peabody*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Little-Compton*, in the Room of *Robert Taylor*, Esq; who refused.

*Abraham Smith*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Smithfield*, in the Room of *Thomas Lapham*, Esq; promoted as above.

*John Congdon*, Esq; was chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charlestown*, in the Room of *James Congdon*, jun. Esq; who refused.

*Resolved* *Waterman*, late Ensign of the third Company or Train'd Band in the Town of *Smithfield*, was promoted and made Lieutenant thereof, in the Room of *William Bates*, who refused : And

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*Enoeb Barnes* was chosen Ensign of said Company in the Room of said  
Resolved Waterman advanced as aforesaid

Whereas *Job Bennet*, jun. of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, a Deputy Sheriff of said County, represented to this Assembly, That he was requested by the Sheriff, who was by an Act of this Assembly commanded to take up as Prisoners of War, several Negroes that were brought into this Colony by Capt. *Robert Morris* and Capt. *John Dennis*, and sold for Slaves: Notwithstanding he the said *Job* comply'd exactly with the Act of Assembly, he hath since been sued by *Benjamin Norton*, *George Goulding*, and *John Clark*, and they have obtained Judgment against him for the Negroes, and Execution for Cost, returnable to the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to be held at *Newport* on the last Tuesday of *August* last: And thereupon the said *Job* prayed, That this Assembly would provide some Way of Relief for the said *Job*, and that he might be discharged from the Judgments aforesaid; and also, that the Charge he has been at, in Defending the Suits aforesaid, may be to him refunded.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Petition be, and it is hereby granted; and that the General Treasurer pay and satisfy the aforesaid Judgments of Court, with Costs.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to pay off the Forces raised for the *Canada Expedition*, do procure two regular attested Copies of the Muster Rolls of each Company, and make Oath to the Truth of their having received the Money for paying the Soldiers: And that his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby desired and impowered to send the same home to *England*, and forthwith to draw Bills of Exchange, payable to our Agent Mr. *Partridge*, for said Money, on the Lords of the Treasury, or any other on whom the Payment of the same may be incumbent.

Whereas *Matthew Robinson*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*; represented, That on the 24th Day of *October*, 1733, *Benjamin Brenton* mortgaged to the said Colony Three Hundred Acres of Land in *South-Kingstown*, which was then bounded Northerly on Land of *Daniel Knowles*, Easterly on *Chepuxit* River, Southerly on Land of *William Clark*, and Westerly, partly on Land of *John Sheldon*, partly on Land of *Daniel Shearman*, and partly on Land of *Robert Wilcox*, for the Consideration and Security of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Old Tenor; since which it has been made appear, that said *Brenton* had in Fee Simple, but four *Seventh* Parts of said Three Hundred Acres: Accordingly the said *Four* *Sevenths*, were by a Deed of Partition among the Proprietors of said Three Hundred Acres, set off and divided to said *Benjamin Brenton*, to hold in severally, and before which the said *Benjamin* had sold about 50 Acres of said Three Hundred, to *Daniel Knowles*; since which, to wit, on the Twenty-second Day of *November*, 1746, the aforesaid *Matthew* purchased of said *Benjamin Brenton*, all the Remainder of his *Four* *Seventh* Parts of said Land, as will appear by a Deed duly executed: And the said *Matthew* being unable to get his said Deed recorded, 'till he had got the said Mortgage and Bonds changed, he did that; but since that, there is a new Difficulty discover'd, which is, That by the Law of the Colony,

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the same Land shall be new mortgaged, or other Land of the like Value ; and 'till that be done, he is hinder'd putting his Deed upon Record. Now to obviate and remove said Difficulty, the said *Matthew* has got a new Mortgage drawn and executed by him, for said Mortgage Money, pledging all the Fee Simple Estate said *Brenton* then had in said larger Tract, which is all that in Fact was mortgaged to the Government ; for he could mortgage no more than he had. Now the said *Matthew* prayed that this Assembly would order the Committee appointed in said Town of *South-Kingstown*, to receive said Mortgage in Exchange for the other of said *Brenton*'s, and get the old Mortgage discharg'd, and the Bonds exchanged (he the said *Matthew* paying what is already become due).

On Consideration whereof.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid *Matthew*'s Petition, be, and it hereby is granted.*

As this Assembly have received and accepted the Report of *Peter Bours*, *Samuel Wickham*, and *Edward Scott*, Esqrs. Messrs. *George Wanton*, *James Sheffield*, and *Thomas Cranston*, the major Part of the Committee by this Assembly appointed at their last Session to audit the Accounts of Mr *Partridge* the Colony's Agent, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of the Gentlemen above-named, be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Twenty-four Pounds, paid out of the General Treasury, for their Labour and Pains in performing that Service respectively, to wit, to Mr *Bours*, Six Pounds ; to Mr. *Wickham*, Two Pounds ; to Mr. *Scott*, Four Pounds ; to Mr. *Wanton*, Four Pounds ; to Mr. *Sheffield*, Four Pounds ; and to Mr. *Cranston*, Four Pounds.

Whereas *Peter Bours*, Esq; *Messrs. Thomas Cranston*, and *Joseph Whipple*, jun. were constituted a Committee, to draught a Letter to be perus'd by this Assembly, sign'd by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent ; and having perform'd the same, exhibited their Draught, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Letter of the same Purport, be drawn, sign'd by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent, together with a Copy of the Record of the Money burnt at the last Session of Assembly held at *Providence*, and likewise a Copy of the Act impowering his Honour the Governor to draw Bills for what has by the Colony been paid the Soldiers raised for the intended Expedition against *Canada*.

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly*, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary, by Beat of Drum, proclaim in *Newport* all the Acts and Orders now made and past, together with those of their last Session, within Ten Days, and send a Copy of the Acts and Orders aforesaid, to each Town in the Colony, made according to Law, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *August* next.

*GOD Save the KING.*

*Published according to Order,*

*June 19th, 1749, by*

*THOMAS WARD, Secretary.*

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held by Adjournment at Newport, the third Monday of August, in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty N<sup>o</sup>me.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor,

The Hon. WILLIAM ELLERY, Esq; Dep. Gov.

PETER BOURS, Esq;	Afft.	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
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STEPHEN BROWNE, Esq;		

The SECRETARY.

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Mr. Thomas Cranston,	Benjamin Tucker, Esq;	Mr. Abel Franklin.
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Mr. Nicholas Easton,	Philip Greene, Esq;	NORTH-KINGSTON;
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<b>GOUCESTER</b> ;	<i>Capt. Robert Barker,</i>	<i>Joseph Clark, Esq;</i>
<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. Jonathan Easton.</i>	<i>James Rogers, Esq;</i>
<i>Maj. Richard Smith.</i>	<b>BRISTOL</b> ;	<i>None.</i>

The Hon. *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; was chosen Speaker, during the Absence of the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq;

Mr. *Jessas Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**HEREAS Peter Bours, *Simon Pease*, and *George Wanton*, Esqrs. *Messrs. Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sbeffield*, were by this Assembly, at their last Session, constituted a Committee, to audit the Grand Committee's Accounts, and to receive of them what Money was in their Office, paid in for Tents: And also to receive of *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; the Three Thousand Pounds delivered to him by a former Committee to be exchanged, and burn the whole of said Monies when by them so received, and to make Report of their Doings to this Assembly. And those Gentlemen having perform'd that Work, exhibited an Account of the same by them stated, with their Report thereon, as follows. *to wit*;

<i>Mr. Benjamin Nichols, one of the Grand Committee, to the Colony of Rhode-Island,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
	<i>L. s. d.</i>
1745-6 Feb. To Cash paid by <i>Jableel Brenton</i> , Esq;	1600 0 0
1741. June. To Ditto paid by <i>Messrs. Benjamin Hazzard, Thomas Cranston</i> , and <i>John Channing</i> , a Committee appointed by the Assembly, —	6239 2 6
To Mortgages and Bonds, agreeing of the third Bank, deliver'd by <i>Jableel Brenton</i> , Esq; —	22394 17 3
To Mortgages and Bonds, agreeing of the fourth Bank, delivered by said Brenton, —	36648 8 0
To a Number of Bonds without Mortgages, of the the third and fourth Banks,	2383 19 7
To Mortgages and Bonds of the fifth Bank,	101397 10 0
To Mortgages & Bonds of the sixth Bank,	101966 0 0
	<i>To</i>

	£. s. d.
To Mortgages and Bonds of the seventh Bank, in New Tenor, £. 20,078 1s. reckon'd in Old Tenor, —	80312 4 0
To Mortgages and Bonds of the eighth Bank, in New Tenor, £. 40,001 reck- on'd in Old Tenor, —	160004 0 0
To a Number of Bonds delivered by <i>Daniel Updike, Esq;</i> in May 1746,	12029 12 0
	<hr/> £. 524975 13 4

*Mr. Benjamin Nichols, one of the Grand Committee, to the Colony of  
Rhode-Island, — — — — — Cr. £. s. d.*

1746. { May 26.	By Cash paid to Messrs. <i>Samuel Wickham, and Abrahams Redwood</i> , a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, who burnt the same, as per Report made, —	1600 0 0
1747. { June 11.	By Ditto paid to Messrs. <i>Benjamin Hazzard, Thomas Cranston, and John Channing</i> , a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, who burnt the same, as per Report, —	21241 13 0
1748. { June 9.	By Ditto paid to Messrs. <i>James Sbeffield, and Thomas Cranston</i> , a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, who burnt the same, as per Report made, —	16700 0 0
1749. { Aug. 15.	By Ditto paid to Messrs. <i>Peter Bours, Simon Peafe, George Wanton, Thomas Cranston, and James Sbeffield</i> , a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, to receive and burn the same, —	26722 2 10
	Ballance in Mr. <i>Benjamin Nichols's</i> Hands,	458711 17 6
		<hr/> £. 524975 13 4

“ **W**E, the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Grand Committee's Accounts, and to receive what Money was in the Grand Committee's Office, paid in for Tenthys, and to burn the same; and also to receive of Capt. *Jonathan Nichols*, the Three Thousand Pounds delivered to him by a former Committee, to be exchanged, do Report, That we have carefully examin'd into the Lists of the Mortgages and Bonds in the Office, and also the Sums which have been paid into and delivered out of said Office, since the Time that *Jahleel Brenton, Esq;* resign'd the same, and do find that there is at present in the Hands of Mr. *Benjamin Nichols*, as a Ballance, Four Hundred and Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, as appears by the above Account.

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We also Report, That there is in said *Nichols's* Custody, a Number of Mortgage Deeds without Bonds to match them, amounting to Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and Four Pence, agreeable to a List of them taken when said *Jableel Brenton*, Esq; delivered them to Capt. *Jonathan Nichols* his Successor. We further Report, That we have received of the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols*, Twenty-six Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence, Old Tenor, as he is credited for in the aforesoing Account (including in said Sum, Eighty-eight Pounds said *Benjamin Nichols* paid to *Joseph Turpin* by Order of Assembly, for the same Sum lost by him of this Colony's Money) which we have burnt pursuant to the Act of Assembly: And that we cannot find that there was Three Thousand Pounds delivered to Capt. *Jonathan Nichols* by any former Committee; but suppose the Mistake to arite from the Article of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, paid to Mr. *Benjamin Nichols*, as he stands charged with in the Account above stated. All which we submit to the Honourable General Assembly.

PETER BOURS.

SIMON PEASE,

THOMAS CRANSTON,

GEORGE WANTON,

JAMES SHEFFIELD."

Newport, August 19. 1749.

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it hereby is accepted; and that the Account by laid Committee charged against the Colony, for their Time, Trouble, &c. in auditing the aforesoing Accounts, be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, paid them out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours, Simon Pease, and George Wanton*, Esqrs. *Messrs. Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield*, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to settle with *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; (one of the Grand Committee, who is appointed to keep the Colony's Mortgages, Tenth Bonds, and to receive the Tenth Money, &c.) respecting all the Tenth Bonds, and the Money received thereon, to the End of the Year 1748, and make Report thereof to the General Assembly: And that said Committee procure a suitable Book at the Colony's Charge, to enter such Settlements in from time to time. And that the same Committee be also impowered to inspect into the Circumstances of all the Mortgages and Bonds in the Grand Committee's Office. And whereas many Persons who took up Money of the Banks emitted in the Year 1715, 1728, and 1731, have neglected to give Tenth Bonds agreeable to Act of Assembly; *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That said Committee notify all the Inhabitants of this Colony, by printed Advertisements, that if all the Persons who have not given in Tenth Bonds as aforesaid, do not forthwith pay what Money is due already, and give in Bonds for the Remainder, they may depend upon having their Mortgages put in Suit: And that a List of all the Persons who have neglected to give Bond as aforesaid, be inserted in said

said Advertisement; and that the same be put up at all the Places where the Town Meetings are held in the several Towns: And that all Persons who have any Reasons to give why they have not given Bonds as aforesaid, justify themselves to said Committee, that their Mortgages may be laid aside, and not put in Suit.

Whereas it hath been made evident unto this Assembly, That *William Reed*, of *Rochester*, had a Forty Shilling Bill of the New Tenor, emitted by this Colony, burnt: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Two Pounds* New Tenor be paid to the said *William Reed*, or his Attorney, by *Benjamin Nickols*, Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, out of the Tenth Money paid into his Hands to be burnt.

Whereas *Job Bennet*, jun. exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Charges against the Colony, amounting to *Eighty-six Pounds*, for his own, and his Aid's assisting the Collector, pursuant to a Warrant from his Honour the Governor: But it appearing, by his Acknowledgment, that said Service was performed in one Day and and an half, this Assembly are of Opinion, that *Twenty Shillings per Day* for the Persons taken up, is sufficient, as their Charges were born; that *Eight Pounds* is sufficient for the Use of the Boat; and *Five Pounds* for the Officer. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifty-four Pounds Ten Shillings* of said Account, be allowed and paid the aforesaid *Job Bennet*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Ireson*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence*, for publick Services by him perform'd, at the Request of their Honours the Governor and Deputy Governor: And this Assembly taking said Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Pounds* of said Account, and no more, be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifty-seven Pounds* be allowed and paid *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of their Account, for printing the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly, at their Sessions in *May and June* last; and for Paper by them furnished for the same.

Whereas *Job Bennet*, jun. exhibited to this Assembly an Account or List of Monies expended, and Charges, amounting to *One Hundred and Four Pounds Eleven Shillings*, which accrued on two Actions prosecuted against him by *Benjamin Norton*, *George Goulding*, and *John Clark*, on Account of several Negroes which were brought into this Colony, and disposed of as Slaves; which Negroes said *Job*, by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, took up as Prisoners of War: *On Consideration whereof*, This Assembly adjudge *Twenty eight Pounds* to be a sufficient Reward for *Col. Upaik* and *Thirty Pounds* for *Mr. Robinson* (who were the Attornies employed in defending against said Suits). *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighty-eight Pounds and Three Shillings* of said Account be allowed and paid the aforesaid *Job* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Forty Six Pounds* be allowed and paid *Peter Bours*, and *Simon Pease*, Esqrs. and *Mr. Thomas Cranston*, out of the General Treasury ; it being the Amount of their Account charged against the Colony, for exchanging *Four Thousand Six Hundred Pounds* of the Colony's Tenth Money, for Bills of this Colony, which was paid in Bills of the other Governments.

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, of *Coventry*, Yeoman, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That he took upon Loan out of the last Bank, a certain Sum of Money, and gave a Mortgage and Sett of Bonds to the Grand Committee, and another to the General Treasurer, to secure the Principal and Interest agreeable to Law, which were left by him in the Custody of the Committee of said Town of *Coventry*, who returned the same into the proper Offices : Now the said *Benjamin* averted, That said Mortgage and Bonds he hath since discovered, ~~as~~ by some wicked-minded Person or Persons forged, by altering both Mortgage and Bonds, by increasing the Sum which was payable therein, to a much larger Sum than was mentioned to be due : And the said *Benjamin* hath been twice sued at Law already, upon two of said Bonds, which he would not pay, because they were altered as aforesaid, and stood Tryal, and finally recovered Costs. Now there are two more going to be put in Suit, the Time of Payment being elapsed. And as the said *Benjamin* hath been put to great Charge and Trouble in the former Suits, he therefore praved, that said Matter might be examin'd into by this Assembly ; and 'till that can be done, that the Committee and Treasurer may be stopt suing out any more of said Bonds : And that this Assembly would cancel said forg'd Mortgage and Bonds, and give Order that the said Mortgage be discharged on the Records of the Town of *Coventry*, where 'tis recorded. And the said *Benjamin* further offer'd to give a new Mortgage of the same, or other Land of equal Value, for the true Sum that he had, and to give new Bonds for securing the Principal and Interest, according to Law ; provided this General Assembly will order him to be reimbursed and paid what it has already cost him in Money, Trouble and Attendance on said Suits, wrongfully brought against him, which he apprehends to be just, since he was always ready and willing to pay what was really due on each Bond without Suit, and no more. *On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That *Peter Bours*, *Simon Pease*, and *George Wanton*, Esqrs. *Messrs. Thomas Cranston*, and *James Sheffield*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to inspect into the Premises aforementioned, and make Report to next Session of Assembly. *And it is also farther Voted and Resolved,* That the Grand Committee and General Treasurer, be, and they are hereby forbid bringing any Actions on the aforementioned Mortgage or Bonds, 'till further Orders from the General Assembly.

Whereas *James Muffy*, of *Mendon*, represented to this Assembly, That at the Session thereof in *August* and *October*, 1748, *Daniel Jencks*, *Henry Harris*, and *Stephen Hopkins*, Esqrs. were appointed Commissioners, they, or the major Part of them, to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, from the Stake set up by *Nathanael Woodward*, and *Solomon Saffery*, in the Year 1642, as by said Acts may appear : But as the said

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Commissioners have hitherto neglected to perform said Work, according to the Intent of said Acts, the aforesaid *James Mifflin*, and others, who are now under the Jurisdiction and Government of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* (as they apprehend wrongfully) pray'd that this Assembly would at their present Session, be pless'd to appoint three or more such Gentlemen, Commissioners to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, according to the Charter, who will undertake said Busines, and go through with it, according to an Agreement made between the Commissioners of this Colony, and one of and for the said Province, *Jan. 19. 1710-11*; that they may be under the Jurisdiction and Government of this Colony, as they think by Charter they ought. *On Consideration whereof, It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Petition be, and it is hereby granted: And that *Jonathan Randal, Thomas Lapham, and Richard Steere, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to run the above mention'd Line: And they also are fully impowered to appoint a Surveyor, or Surveyors, and Chainmen; and to appoint Time and Place to begin said Work: And that the Secretary acquaint the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, of this Acts being past; and to request them to appoint a Committee to join with ours, in running said Line: And that it none be appointed by said Province, that our Committee proceed and run said Line *ex Parte*.

Whereas *John Cranston*, of *Newport*, Esq; represented to this Assembly, That while he was one of the Committee for fitting out the Colony Sloop *Tartar*, *Edward Kirby* supply'd her with Meat: And while said *Kirby* was a Privateering, his Book-keeper gave in his Account, which was discharged by the said *John*; but some Time after, said *Kirby* coming Home, found his Book keeper had given in an Account short of what was due to him, and thereupon he apply'd to the said *John* for the Remainder; but he having nothing to do in the Affair (a Commissary being chose) he advised him to apply to the Assembly, who put him off for some Time, through the Hurry of Busines, or some other Causè: Whereupon the said *Edward* sued the aforesaid *John Cranston*, so that he has been obliged to pay Twelve Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence, which he prayed he might be reimbursed out of the General Treasury. *On Consideration whereof, It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Cranston*'s Petition be, and it is hereby granted: And that said Money by him paid on the Suit of the aforesaid *Edward Kirby*, be to him retunded out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *James Daniel*, an Indian Man, late of *South-Kingston*, now residing at *Charlestown*, in the County of *Kings-County*, in the Colony aforesaid, by Petition, represented to this Assembly, That on Sunday the 13th of November, A. D. 1748, while he with his Family were at the Publick Worship of God in *Charlestown* aforesaid, his *Wigwam* in said *Charlestown* took Fire, and was in a few Minutes, with all his Goods, consumed: That he had therein about *Eighty Pounds*, in Bills of Publick Credit of the several Governments; *Forty-eight Pounds* whereof (at least) he knows were in Bills of Publick Credit of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, having received them but a few Days before said Accident happen'd; all which Bills (save a few scorch'd Pieces) were burnt to Ashes: That inasmuch as so much

of the current publick Bills of this Colony is actually burnt and consumed, he prayed this Assembly to order that so much of the Money in the Hands of the Grand Committee, which is to be burnt, may in Lieu thereof, be given him.

And whereas several of the Inhabitants of said *Setub. Kingstown*, have under their Hands, certified, That they are well acquainted with the aforesaid *James Daniel*, and know him to have been an honest industrious Fellow, and that they believe the Facts mentioned in his Petition to be true; and therefore join'd with him in desiring his Petition might be granted. On Consideration whereof, and it being made manifest, that the aforesaid *James Daniel* had Forty-eight Pounds in Bills of Credit of this Colony burnt; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Sum be paid him by *Benjamin Nichols*, keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, out of the Tenth Money in his Hands which was paid in to be burnt.

Whereas *Martha Straight*, Widow of *Samuel Straight*, deceased, by Petition, represented to this Assembly, That her late Husband inlisted into His Majesty's Service, to proceed on the intended Expedition against *Canada*, under the Command of Capt. *William Rice*: That her said Husband, in Consequence thereof, was sent with the Troops to *Martha's Vineyard*, and returned Home sick from thence, the third Day of *Jan.* A. D. 1746, and so continu'd sixteen Days, and then ended this Lite. The Charge of Burial, and Doctor's Bill, with other Necessaries in his said Sicknes, cost the aforesaid *Martha* Thirty Pounds. And now upon the whole, she prayed, That as the same had been allowed to several in the same Situation, she might be reimbursed said Sum. *On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to the aforesaid *Martha Straight*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty five Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *Dr. Walter Rodman*, for Remedies, Dressings, and Attendance on one *Aaron Tickin*, an Indian Man belonging to Capt. *Hopkins's Company*, in the Year 1743.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Josiah Arnold*, Esq; and Mr. *John Hull*, of *Jamestown*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to make such Repairs on the Ferry Houses and Wharves belonging to the Colony, on the West Side of *Jamestown*, as are necessary, and draw Money out of the General Treasury to defray the Charge thereof.

*And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That said Committee be, and they are hereby impowered to lease out said Ferries for one Year, to some suitable Person or Persons, upon reasonable Terms; and the Rent to be paid Quarterly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eight Pounds be allowed and paid *Samuel Lyndon*, jun. out of the General Treasury; it being the Amount of his Account for Powder by him provided for the General Election.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Elisha Brown*, Capt. *Joseph Nichols*, and Mr. *Ezekiel Warner*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby

Hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Managers of the *Providence Lottery*, in respect to building *Waybusses* Bridge, and paying off the Benefit Tickets ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, towards repairing the great Bridge in *Newport*, called the Point Bridge : That said Money be drawn out of the Treasury when the same is compleated, by the Committee appointed by the aforesaid Town of *Newport*, to repair said Bridge.

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*An ACT for Regulating the Light-House, &c.*

**W**HEREAS this Colony hath erected a Light-House upon *Beaver Tail*, for the Benefit of Shipping coming into and going out of this Colony ; and it being necessary to establish the Rules of keeping and supporting the same ;

**B**E it therefore *Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That there be a proper Person appointed by the Committee who built the Light-House, to be Keeper of said Light-House ; and agree with him upon the best Terms they can : And that he be under the particular Inspection of said Committee, who are hereby fully empowered, upon such Person's failing in his Duty, to remove him, and put another in his Room from time to time. And said Keeper shall carefully and diligently attend his Duty at all Times, in kindling the Lights from Sun-setting to Sun rising, and placing them so as they may be most seen by Vessels coming into or going out from this Colony : And upon Conviction of Neglect of his Duty, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace within the County, shall be liable to be fined according to the Degree and Circumstances of his Offence, not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds Old Tenor* ; two Thirds thereof to be to his Majesty, to and for the Support of the Government of this Colony, and the other third Part thereof to the Person or Persons that shall inform of such Neglect ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That after the Publication of this Act, there shall be paid to the Naval-Officer for the Time being, by the Master of all Ships and Vessels (except Coasters, Fishing Vessels, Wood Sloops, and Vessels employed in bringing of Stones and Sand) the Duty of *Eighteen Pence Old Tenor per Ton*, for every Ton, according to the Register of said Vessel : And the Naval-Officer for the Time being, is hereby empowered and required to demand and receive of every Master of every such Ship or Vessel, the Duty aforesaid, before he clears out said Vessel ; and to certify that he has received the same, in the Pass-port delivered to said Master : And said Naval-Officer shall keep a Book, wherein he shall enter the Name, Burthen, and Master's Name, of every Vessel that shall clear at his Office, which is subject to this Duty. For all which Services, he shall be paid out of the Revenue arising from said Light-House, *Five per Cent.* and shall Account to the General Assembly whenever they shall require it.

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*And be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Vessels which shall use the Coasting Trade between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut, New-York, and Philadelphia, and all such Vessels as shall import Spars, Plank, and Boards from the Province of New-Hampshire, and all such as shall import Provisions of any Kind from Maryland and Virginia, shall by this Act be deemed Coasters, and none others : And that all such Coasters shall pay Ten Shillings Old Tenor, each Time they clear out.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Naval-Officer from time to time, be, and he is hereby appointed to provide all Necessaries for the Light-House, to be paid for out of the Money to be paid in by the Masters of Vessels, for the Support of said Light-House.*

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*An ACT for laying a Drift-Way through Part of Middletown.*

**W**HEREAS it is necessary that there should be a Way for His Majesty's Subjects to pass and repass from that Part of *Middletown*, in the County of *Newport*, called *Sackwest Beach*, across to *Easton's Beach*; for the Want of which, the Inhabitants of *Little-Compton* and *Middletown*, are greatly hinder'd in passing to and from *Newport*, no publick Way having ever yet been provided and laid out.

**B**E it therefore Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of this General Assembly, That there shall be a Drift-Way of a convenient Breadth laid out by the Town of *Middletown*, from the double Gate on the West-side to another Gate on the East-side of *Easton's Neck* (being the old accustom'd Way); And that the Town Council of *Middletown*, are hereby required to lay out said Drift-Way, within one Month from the Rising of this General Assembly, in the Manner, and under the Directions, that High-ways are laid out in this Colony, agreeable to the Laws now in Force in this Colony: And that the same shall be done at the Charge of the said Town of *Middletown*. And that if there be any Persons Land to be run through, in laying out said Way, who will not grant the same for the said Publick Use, that the said Town Council do proceed to agree with said Proprietor or Owner thereof, and pay therefor in the same Manner as is directed by other Laws made for laying out High-ways in this Colony.

*And be it Enacted, That the said Drift-way so to be laid, shall when laid out, be and remain a publick Drift-way for the Use of His Majesty's Subjects forever.*

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**I**T IS VOTED AND RESOLVED, That Peter Bours, Simon Pease, and George Wanton, Esqrs. Messrs. Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; all his Accounts with the Colony, and examine them. That they also examine into the Circumstances

stances of the Three Thousand Pounds which was let out by the Colony to *William Borden*, and Report upon the whole to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Updike*, Esq; be, and he is hereby required to render his Accounrs to said Committee. And the Person in whose Hands the aforesaid Three Thousand Pounds now lie, is likewise required to render an Account thereof to said Committee.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer hire of some private Persons, as much Money as is necessary for compleating the Light-House, not exceeding the Sum granted for that Purpose ; including what hath by him been already expended : And that he repay the Money he shall so hire, with the first Money that shall be paid into the General Treasury.

Whereas *Col. Benoni Waterman*, and *Samuel Green*, Esq; were by the General Assembly in *August*, 1748, constituted a Committee to repair the Bridge over *Patuxit River*, called *Capt. Benj. Green's Bridge* ; and for that Purpose were impowered to draw Seventy Pounds out of the General Treasury, to defray the Charge and Expence thereof : Who now (*to wit*) the said *Benoni Waterman* reported, That he, with the aforesaid *Samuel Green*, Esq; proceeded and made a thorough Search in the Frame of said Bridge, and found one Half the string Pieces defective, and a Thousand of Plank wanting : That they judged the Sum then granted, too inconsiderable for the Purpose ; and thereupon concluded to proceed no further in the Affair. *On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That an additional Sum of Sixty Pounds be allowed and paid to said Committee out of the General Treasury, towards repairing the aforesaid Bridge, when it is compleated, who are continued for that Purpose.

Whereas *Simon Pease*, *John Banister*, and *William Paul*, all of *Newport* aforesaid, Merchants, and liege Subjects of our Sovereign Lord the now King, represented to this Assembly, at their last Session, That they were sole Owners of the Snow *William*, late of this Port, Plantation built, (commanded by *Joseph Carpenter*, and navigated with *English* Sailors, all Subjects of our said Lord the King) ; which said Snow was cleared out at the proper Offices in *Newport* aforesaid, the 22d Day of *September*, 1748, for the Island of *Barbados*, having her regular Papers properly authenticated : And in Prosecution of her intended Voyage, on the 30th Day of *October* following, she fell in with the Island of *Martinique* (Distance more than two Leagues), early in the Morning, when it fell calm, and continued so until Noon ; during which Time, they discovered a Vessel under the Land, rowing towards the Snow ; on which the aforesaid *Capt. Carpenter* threw out his *English* Colours, as is customary in the like Cases. Said Vessel belonged to the aforesaid Island of *Martinique*, and was fitted out in a warlike Manner ; who, after having come up with said Snow, ordered her Boat out, in which they enter'd her, took out the aforesaid Master and his Mate, intirely dispossessing them of the Command aforesaid ; the Snow being at that Time on the high Seas as aforesaid. And they, the aforesaid *Simon*, *John* and *William*, further represented, That

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by these illegal Proceedings, they are depriv'd, and gaeviously spoil'd of their Snow and her Cargo, to their Damage Thirty Thousand Pounds : That in this Case, the Proceedings of the French King's Subjects are contrary to the Law of Nations, and a high Contempt and Violation of the late Ceſſation of Arms then subsisting between the Powers at War ; and that all Persons of Circumſtance in this Colony, are virtually concerned in this Case (tho in a more particular Manner, thoſe immediately in Navigation), as the Continuation of ſuch Hostilities, muſt in a great Measure deſtroy their Trade, as they are obliged oftentimes to paſs and repaſs in their Voyages to and from the English Islands, by both French and Spaniſh Ports ; therefore they intreated in Behalf of themſelves, and others concerned as aforesaid, the Aſſiſtance of this Aſſembly, to direct Mr. Agent Partridge to make a proper Repréſentation and Complaint at Home, before the proper Perſons, for these Purpoſes (for that they are well aware, as in the Case of Capt. Cain, that no Regard will be had to private Repréſentations), that they, the ſaid Simon, John, and William, may have Reparation, and other English Subjects may not for the future, be treated with the like Severities. They alſo further prayed Liberty to repreſent to ſaid Aſſembly, That they were in May laſt, adviſed from St. Eustatia, to ſend Capt. Carpenter, for that the General of Martinique had directed all the Captains that had been taken, to appear : Therefore they prayed that this Aſſembly would permit them to have a Commission for a Flag of Truce, at their proper Cost and Charge, with a Letter from his Hoſtory Governor Greene, upon the Premiſes. Which being taken into Conſideration by laſt Aſſembly, they Noted and Reſolved, That the ſaid Simon, John, and William's laſt Requeſt, to wit, A Commission for a Flag of Truce, and a Letter from his Hoſtory the Governor, ſhould be granted them : But that the Conſideration of the other Part ſhould be referreſt to the preſent ſeſſion of Aſſembly. And now the ſame being accordingly taken into Conſideration, This Aſſembly do Vote and Reſolve, and it is hereby Voted and Reſolved, That his Hoſtory the Governor do, and he is hereby requeſted, in Behalf of this Colony, to repreſent the aforementioned Affair at Home ; provided the aforesaid Simon, John, and William, ſee Caufe to protecute the ſame, and pay all the Charge ſhall thereon accrue.

*It is Voted and Reſolved by this Aſſembly, That all Buſineſs lying before them, unfiniſhed, be, and the ſame is hereby referreſt to the next ſeſſion : That the Secretary, by Beat of Drum, proclaim in Newport, all the Acts and Orders now made and paſt, within ten Days, and ſend a Copy of the Acts and Orders aforesaid, to each Town in the Colony, made according to Law, within thirty Days after the Rife of this Aſſembly ; which is hereby Adjourn'd to the Fourth Monday of October next, if call'd at laſt Time, by either of their Hoſtories the Governor or Deputy Governor : But if not call'd before, or then, that it be, and it is hereby Diſſolv'd.*

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANIE of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held at South-Kingston in said Colony, the last Wednesday of October, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine. And in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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*Joshua Babcock*, Esq; was chosen Speaker. And  
Mr. *Josias Lynden*, Clerk of the House of Deputies.

**W**HEREAS *Daniel Dunham*, of *Newport*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his waiting twelve Days on the Committee of War, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven ; which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Twelve Pounds, paid unto the said *Daniel Dunham*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Cornelius Waldron*, of *Bristol*, in the County of *Bristol*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Glass Windows, &c. of the County-House in *Bristol* ; which Account was certified by *Thomas Green*, Esq; Sheriff of that County, under his Hand : And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Eleven Pounds Thirteen Shillings, paid unto the said *Cornelius Waldron* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas there was an Account presented to this Assembly, charged against *John Mawney*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, by *Capt. Joseph Olney*, for repairing the Glass Windows of his Majesty's Goal in *Providence* : And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that the Amount thereof,

thereof, being Six Pounds and Four Pence, be paid unto the said *Joseph Olney* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Money which he had paid *John Willson*, for repairing the Glass Windows of the County-House in that County: And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings, paid unto the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid his Honour the Deputy Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his last Year's Salary, and extraordinary Service.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid his Honour the Governor out of the General Treasury, for his signing the Bills of Exchange drawn on the Agent, in the Colony's Behalf.

Whereas *Peleg Brown*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, represented unto this Assembly, That in the Year 1746, whilst he sustained that Office, one *Robert Stevens*, who had enlisted to go to *Cape-Breton*, in the Quality of a Soldier, was committed to Goal in *Newport*, by Reason it was discovered he was a Sailor that belong'd to one of His Majesty's Ships of War, then in *Boston-Harbour*: In Goal he was taken sick, and a Physician was sent to him, who declared that he despaired of his Recovery unleis the Man was removed to private Lodgings, there to be attended by a Nurse; whereupon Mr. *Brown* applied himself to his Honour the late Deputy Governor *Whipple*, who directed that he should be removed; and *John Easton*, Town Serjeant of *Newport*, by Order of the said Mr. *Brown*, removed him to the House of *Lydia Ladd*; since which he hath paid the Doctor his Bill, amounting to Seven Pounds; and the said *Lydia Ladd* hath brought an Action against the aforesaid *John Easton*, in order to recover of him Eight Pounds for the Board of the said *Robert Stevens*: And upon the whole, the said *Peleg Brown* prayed, that he might be reimbursed what he hath paid, and that the Money for which the Town Serjeant is sued, with the Costs thereon already accrued, may be paid unto the said *Lydia Ladd* out of the General Treasury.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Seventeen Pounds be paid unto the said *Peleg Brown* out of the General Treasury; Seven thereof to repay what he hath advanced, and the Remainder to satisfy and pay the aforesaid *Lydia Ladd* her Debt and Costs.

Whereas Messrs *Daniel Updike*, *James Honyman*, jun. *Matthew Robinson*, and *John Aplin*, Attorneys at Law, by a Memorial under their Hands, have represented unto this Assembly, That the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in this Colony, have of late judicially determined, that the Statutes of that Part of *Great-Britain*, formerly called

*England*,

England. are not in Force in this Government, except such as are introduced by some Law of the Colony; and this, notwithstanding that in all Time heretofore, the Courts throughout the Colony, both Superior and Inferior, have admitted such of the said Statutes as relate to the Common Law to be in Force here, and have adjudged upon them as such, so that there has been no Occasion of an Act of Assembly for the formal Introduction of those Statutes: But as the Case now stands, the Laws of this Colony are altogether imperfect, and scarcely any one Law-proceeding can be commenced or brought to Issue. And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Memorialists be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to prepare a Bill for introducing into this Colony, such of the Statutes of *England* as are agreeable to the Constitution, and present the same to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session in *August* last, and for furnishing Paper for that Work: And this Assembly having duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and Nineteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Smith, of Smithfield*, in the County of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, that he gave a Sett of Bonds to the General Treasurer, to pay the Interest of some Money by him hired of the Colony; that as the Bonds became due he paid them, 'till one appear'd with a Condition for the Payment of a Sum equal to that mentioned and expressed in the Obligation, which is double the Sum that ought to have been inserted in the said Condition: As this was an evident Mistake, the said Joseph some Years past, when the Bond became due, paid the true Sum that ought to have been express'd in the Condition; notwithstanding which, the said Joseph was sued at the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at *Providence*, upon the said erroneous Bond, and Judgment was given against him for so much thereof as had not been paid; whereupon the said Joseph prayed for Relief: And this Assembly having duly examined and considered the Premises, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Judgment of the aforesaid Inferior Court of Common Pleas be, and it is hereby vacated and annulled; whereof the Clerk of said Court, and all others whom it doth or may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Whereas several Bills of Exchange drawn by his Honour the Governor in Behalf of this Colony, on Mr. Agent *Partridge*, were protested: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Governor draw new Bills on the Agent, for the Sums contained in those Bills which already have been, or hereafter may be protested, together with the lawful Damages and Interest accruing thereon, and lodge them with the General Treasurer. *It is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Proprietors of said protested Bills, receive of the Treasurer those new Bills, in Lieu of the old Ones, if they think proper: But if any of the Proprietors of said pro-

protested Bills, shall chuse to have our Currency for them, they shall be paid by the Treasurer, at the Rate of *950 per Cent.* Advance; and for raising said Money, these new Bills, if refused by the Proprietors of the old Ones, shall be disposed of by the Treasurer to other Persons. *And it is further Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor write to the Agent, directing him to Honour those new Bills which shall be drawn on him as aforesaid; and if he has not Cash in his Hands belonging to the Government, sufficient to pay the same, that he hire what shall be wanting upon the best Terms he can, until he be in Cash of the Colony's for paying the same.

*An ACT against Adultery, Polygamy, and unlawfully marrying Persons; and for the Relief of such Persons as are injured by the Breach of Marriage Covenants.*

*BE IT ENACTED* by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That if any Man or Woman in this Colony, shall commit the Crime of Adultery, and be thereof lawfully convicted before the Court of Assize in the County where the Crime shall be committed, every such Person shall be punished, by being set publickly on the Gallows in the Day-time, with a Rope about his or her Neck, for the Space of one Hour; and in his or her Return from the Gallows to the Goal, shall be publickly whipped on his or her naked Body, not exceeding thirty Stripes; and that such Person or Persons shall stand committed to the Goal of the County wherein convicted, until he or she shall pay all Costs of Prosecution.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Man or Woman in this Colony, having a Husband or Wife alive, shall marry another Woman or Man, and be thereof lawfully convicted, in Manner as aforesaid, the Person or Persons so offending, shall suffer the same Pains and Punishment, as in case of Adultery.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any Officer or Minister in this Colony, having lawful Authority to marry, shall presume to marry any Man or Woman that he knows hath a Wife or Husband living, or hath had a Wife or Husband within his Knowledge, and doth not know that said Husband or Wife is dead, or that the Person offering to be married, hath been lawfully divorced, such Officer or Minister so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted before said Court of Assize, shall pay as a Fine to and for the Use of the Colony, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money of said Colony, and be rendered utterly incapable of sustaining any Office in this Colony.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Justices or Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, of this Colony, are hereby authorized and fully empowered to hear and determine all Matters and Causes relating to, or

concerning the Breach of the Marriage-Covenant, by any Person whatsoever, that is in a married State in this Colony; and upon due Proof thereof, made against any married Man or Woman, that he or she do, or hath wilfully and wickedly broken and violated the Marriage-Covenant, either by any Act done and committed, or by a continual Absence from his or her Husband or Wife, without any just Cause, by the space of seven Years, then, and in every such Case, to pronounce Sentence of Divorce, in Favour of such Man or Woman who shall be injured by such Violation of the Marriage-Covenant; which Sentence of Divorce, so lawfully made and published by the said Justices, or Judges, shall be Good and Valid, and shall absolutely dissolve the Marriage of the Persons so divorced.

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*An ACT to prevent unlawful Gaming.*

**W**HEREAS many ill-disposed Persons have heretofore allowed themselves to play at unlawful Games in this Colony, as Dice, Cards, Billiards, and the like, and continue the same bad Practices, to the great Loss of Time, and Ruin of themselves and Families; which is also of evil Example, and pernicious Tendency.

For the Prevention whereof for the Future,

**B**E IT ENACTED, and by the Authority of this General Assembly, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this ACT, if any Person or Persons in this Colony, shall Play or Game at Cards, Dice, Tables, Bowls, Billiards, Wheel of Fortune, Shuffle board, or Cock-fighting, for Money, or any other valuable Consideration, the Person losing at any of such Game or Games, shall pay a Fine of Ten Pounds, in Bills of publick Credit of the Old-Tenor, for the first Offence, and for the second Offence Twenty Pounds in the like Bills, and for the third Offence Forty Pounds in the like Bills: And the Winner at any such Game or Games, shall pay a Fine of Ten Pounds in the like Bills, and the Sum or Sums won, for the first Offence, and for the second Offence Twenty Pounds in the like Bills, and the Sum or Sums won, and for the third Offence Forty Pounds in the like Bills, and the Sum or Sums won.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Tavern-keeper, Innholder, Retailer, Coffee-House-Keeper, Tea-House Keeper, or Keeper of any other House of publick Refreshment, within this Colony, shall suffer any Persons of what Estate, Degree, or Condition soever, to use or play at any of the said Game or Games, in his, her, or their House, Outhouse, Yard, Garden, or other Place or Places in his, her, or their Possession or Improvement, shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, in Bills of Credit as aforesaid, for the first Offence, and for the second Offence One Hundred and Fifty Pounds in the like Bills: And upon Conviction thereof, if the Offender be a Retailer, Tavern-keeper, or Innholder, or Keeper of any other of the Publick Houses before-mentioned, his or her Licence shall be declared null and void by the Court where he or she shall be convicted.*

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*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons Betting at any of the aforesaid Game or Games, shall be liable to the same Fines and Penalties as Persons playing at any of the said Games, are by this Act.*

*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Bills, Bonds, Notes, Judgments, Mortgages, Deeds, or other Securities, given for Money, or Land, Houses, or other Things, won by playing at any of the aforesaid Game or Games, or by Betting on either Side of such as play at any of the aforesaid Games, or for Repayment of any Money lent, knowingly for such Gaming or Betting, shall be utterly Void: And that all the Town Councils in this Colony, be, and they are hereby required and commanded to take good Security of all Persons that they shall hereafter grant Licence to, for Tavern-keeping, Innholding, or retailing Strong Drink, to comply with this Act in all Respects, as far as possible, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.*

*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Offences in this Act expressed, shall be tryed at the respective Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County where the Offence or Offences shall be committed, who are hereby authorized and impowered to hear and try the same, by Bill, Plaintiff, Information, or Indictment; and that upon Conviction thereof, the said Fines and Penalties shall be set and sentenced by said Court or Courts respectively, where said Offence or Offences shall be committed, and the same distributed and disposed of, one third Part to the Informer, who shall sue for the same, and the other two Thirds put into the Treasury of the Town where such Offence or Offences shall be committed, for the Use and Benefit of the said Town: But if there be no Informer, then the whole Fine and Penalty shall be to and for the Use of said Town: And that the Offender or Offenders shall pay all such Costs and Charges as are usually taxed and paid in other criminal Causes.*

*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Tavern-keeper, Innholder, or Keeper of any other Publick House, shall keep up in his House any Billiard-Table or Shuffleboard-Table, for the Space of one Month after the Publication of this Act, the Town Council of such Town where such Innholder, Tavern-keeper, or Keeper of other Publick House dwells, shall withdraw his or her Licence, and render him or her incapable of keeping a Publick House for ever thereafter: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary of this Act, or any Part thereof, notwithstanding.*

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*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Peter Bours, Stephen Hopkins, and Daniel Jencks, Esqrs. with Capt. Robert Hazzard, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are constituted a Committee to prepare an Account (agreeable to the Letter of the Duke of Bedford, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to the Governor and Company of this Colony), of the Tenor and Amount of all the Bills of Credit which have been created and issued by this Government, and are now outstanding, distin-*

distinguishing the Amount of them here, and the respective Times when such Bills so outstanding, were issued, with the Amount of the said Bills, in Money of Great-Britain, both at the Times when such Bills were issued, and at this Time; and also at the Time fixed for calling in, sinking, and discharging such Bills, and the Funds appropriated for that Purpose: And that the said Committee present the said Account to be by them so prepared, unto this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas the Committee which were appointed by this Assembly at their last Session, to examine the Account of Col. *Daniel Updike* with this Colony, &c. and also to enquire into the Circumstances of the Three Thousand Pounds let out by the Government to *William Borden*, have not performed that Service: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby continued such, for the Purposes aforesaid; and that they, or the major Part of them, make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kings County, presented to this Assembly, an Account of Four Pounds Five Shillings, charged against the Colony by *Joseph Holway*, one of his Deputies, for half a Cord of Wood, by him the said Holway provided for the Use of the County-House in said County; which Account the said Sheriff certified under his Hand to be just and true. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*. That the said Account be allowed, and the Amount thereof paid onto the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Committee appointed by this Assembly at their last Session, to audit the Accounts of the Managers of the *Providence-Lottery*, in Respect to the building *Weyblyst Bridge*, and paying the Benefit Tickets, have not performed that Service: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Elisha Brown*, *Joseph Nickols*, Esq; and Mr. *Samuel Chase*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid; and also to receive such Benefit Tickets as have been paid, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary, by Beat of Drum, proclaim in *Newport*, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send a Copy of the Acts and Orders aforesaid, to each Town in the Colony, according to Law, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby Adjourned to the last Tuesday in *February* next.

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 None.  
 WARREN;  
 Capt. Benjamin Barton.  
 CUMBERLAND;  
 Mr. Joseph Brown,  
 Capt. Edward Smith.  
 RICHMOND;  
 Mr. Joseph Clark,  
 Capt. James Rogers.

WHEREAS Jonathan Randal, Thomas Lappam, and Richard Steere, Esqrs. were by the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session in Newport, the third Monday of August last, appointed a Committee to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, according to the Charter, &c. and the Gentlemen aforesaid, having gone through that Work, made the following Report of their Conduct:

To the Hon. General Assembly sitting at South-Kingston, in  
 and for the Colony of Rhode-Island, on the last Tuesday of  
 February, Anno Dom. 1749.

IN Pursuance of a Commission to us given, for running the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, according to Charter, &c. the Commission bearing Date Sept. the 25th, 1749. we did seasonably inform the Secretary of this Colony, that we had appointed to meet at Man's in Wrentham, on the ninth Day of October next following, when we would  
 meet

meet with a Committee of the Province, if any should be appointed, and proceed on the Business afore-mentioned: And we did accordingly meet on the said ninth Day of October, at said Man's; together with *Henry Harris, Esq; Surveyor, and Israel Wilkinson and Christopher Waterman, Chain-men*, ready to proceed on the Business; but no Committee from the Province appearing, we postponed the Business intended, 'till the thirtieth of said October, when we met again, and no Person appearing on the Part of the Province, we did then effect the Business met on; concerning which, we do Report as followeth:

That we not being able to find any Stake, or other Monument, which we could imagine to be set up by *Woodward and Saffery*, but knowing that the Place thereof was described in the Agreement mentioned in our Commission, by certain invariable Marks, we did proceed as followeth, *viz* We found a Place where *Charles River* form'd a large Crescent southerly, which Place is known to many by the Name of *Poppolatick* Pond, which we took to be the southermost Part of said River; from the southermost Part whereof, we measured three *English Miles* South, which three *English Miles* did terminate upon a Plain, in a Township called *Wrentham*, about a Quarter of a Mile North Easterly from the dwelling House of *Thomas Man's*, as also about a Quarter of a Mile South Easterly from the Houle of *Robert Blake*, where we marked a Pine Tree, and erected a Monument of Stones, and found the same to be in Lat. 42 deg. 8 min. North; which we made for the North East Bound of this Colony. And we do further Report, That from said Tree we did proceed to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony on a West Course, with a Variation of eight Degrees and a half, as the West Variation from the Magnetick Needle: In the Course of which running, we did mark many Trees; said Line passing over the southermost Part of a certain Pond, called *Manchaug Pond*, and did terminate about thirty Rods Eastward of a small Pond called *Graffy Pond*, at a black Oak Tree which we marked, and did erect a Monument of Stones about it; which Tree we marked for the North-Western Bound of this Colony, it being about Twenty-two Miles from said Pine Tree to said black Oak.

Reported and humbly submitted, by

Providence, Jan. 22. 1749.

*Jonathan Randal,  
Richard Steere.  
Thomas Lapbam.*

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted.

Whereas this Assembly, at their Session in *Newport*, on the third Monday of *August* last, appointed Commissioners to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, with Directions, that if Commissioners should not be appointed on the Part of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, to join with them therein, they should proceed to run said Line *ex Parte*. As no Commissioners were appointed by the Province in *Seaston*, the Gentlemen appointed by the Colony, run the said Line *ex Parte*, and made Report thereof to this Assembly, which hath been accepted. But nevertheless, upon Advice from the Province, that they have appointed Commissioners since our Committee run the Line as aforesaid, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That *Jonathan Randal, Richard*

*Richard Steere, and Thomas Labbam, Esqrs, and Capt. Joseph Harrison, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, and fully impoverished to join with the Commissioners of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, at Peletiah Man's, in Wrentham, the second Tuesday of April next, to run or perambulate the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, according to Charter, by the Stake set up by Nathanael Woodward and Solomon Seffery, in the Year 1642, pursuant to an Agreement made between the Commissioner of this Colony, and one of and for the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, January the 19th, in the Year 1710-11, with full Power to appoint a Surveyor or Surveyors, and Chainmen. And it is also Voted and Resolved, That the Gentlemen on the Part of the Colony, be commissioned for the End and Purpose aforesaid, by his Honour the Governor.*

*Whereas Henry Knowles, late of South-Kingstown, Yeoman, deceas'd, for and in Consideration of the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, mortgaged to the Colony a Farm or Tract of Land in South-Kingstown, which Col. Eliza Reynolds hath since purchased, and is now possessed of. And the Time of Payment of said Money being elapsed, the laid Col. Reynolds made Application to this Assembly; who on Consideration thereof, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That in case the Colonel shall immediately pay to Benjamin Nickols, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, Part of the aforesaid Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, then he shall be allowed four Months longer to pay the Remainder, he giving Bond to pay the Interest thereof unto the General Treasurer, for the Use of the Colony.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby allowed Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, to be paid him out of the General Treasury, for his Trouble in preparing and signing thirty Bills of Exchange on Mr. Larridge, our Agent in Great-Britain, by Order of the General Assembly.*

*Whereas the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Col. Daniel Updike with the Colony, have not yet had it in their Power to perform that Work: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee be further continued for that Purpose; and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered to perfect said Business, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session. And it is also further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee, or the major Part of them, do now receive of the laid Col. Updike what Tenth Money he has in his Hands, and burn the same immediately, in the Presence of this Assembly.*

*Whereas the Town Council of Middletown, in this Colony, have represented unto this Assembly, That on Consideration of the Necessity of a Way for His Majesty's Subjects to pass and repass from that Part of Middletown called Sackeast Beach across to Easton's Beach, the General Assembly, at their Session in Newport, the third Monday of August last, did order and direct that there should be a Drift-Way of a convenient Width laid out by the said Town of Middletown, from the double Gate on the West Side,*

Side, to another Gate on the East Side of said *Easton's Neck*, being the old accustomed Way, &c. since which, it hath been discovered that the Land from the said double Gate Westerly, down to the Creek on *Easton's Beach*, belongeth to private Persons, as likewise does the Land to the Eastward of the other Gate afore-mentioned, for some small Distance ; so that it will be to no Purpose to lay out a Drift-Way from one of the said Gates to the other, unleas the same be extended farther each Way : Whereupon they prayed this Assembly to impower them to lay out a Drift-Way from the Creek on *Easton's Beach*, to the double Gate aforesaid, from thence to the other Gate aforesaid, and from thence Easterly down to and along *Sackueast Beach*, until it comes to that Part of said Beach which was reserved by the Town of *Middletown*, for all Persons whomsoever to pass and repass over, as often as Occasion should require, forever. And this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, do grant the said Petition : *And it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Town Council of *Middletown*, be, and they are hereby impowered to lay out a Drift-Way from the Creek on *Easton's Beach*, to the double Gate aforesaid, from thence to the other Gate aforesaid, and from thence Easterly down to and along said *Sackueast Beach*, until it comes to that Part of said *Sackueast Beach* reserved by the Town of *Middletown* for all Persons whomsoever to pass and repass over, as often as Occasion shall require, forever.

Whereas this Assembly, at their Session in *South Kingstown*, on the last Wednesday of *October* last, appointed a Committee to prepare an Account (agreeable to the Letter of the Duke of *Bedford*, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State, to the Governor and Company of this Colony) of the Tenor and Amount of all the Bills of Credit which have been created and issued by this Government, and are now outstanding, &c. And the major Part of the Committee having assumed that Province, and perpetrated the Businets, made Report to this Assembly as followeth :

THE Colony of *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1728, emitted Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit, equal then to Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be let on Loan, on Land Security of double the Value, and at Five per Cent. per Annum Interest, for thirteen Years ; the Interest was appropriated to the repairing and furnishing Fort *George*, the principal to be sunk by ten equal annual Payments ; two of which are yet outstanding, equal to Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence Sterling ; and the sinking thereof, will be compleated in the Year 1751.

And in the Year 1731, the Colony emitted Sixty Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit, equal then to Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence Sterling, to be let out on ~~Bank~~ Security of double the Value, at Five per Cent. per Annum Interest for ten Years : The Interest was appropriated to encourage raising Hemp, Flax, and the catching of Fish, and making Oil, by proper Bounties given by the Emitting Act : The Principal to be sunk by ten equal Payments ; two of which are yet outstanding, equal to One Thousand and Ninety Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence Sterling ; and the sinking of it will be finished in the Year 1751.

And in the Year 1733, the Colony emitted One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit, equal to Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings Sterling, to be let out on Loan on Land Security of double the Value, and at Five per Cent. per Annum Interest, for ten Years: The Interest was to be appropriated to purchasing of Cannon for Fort *George*, and erecting a Pier at *Block-Island*; the Principal to be sunk by ten equal annual Payments, four of which are yet outstanding, equal to Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence Sterling; and the sinking of this Sum will be compleated in the Year 1753.

Again in the Year 1738, the Colony emitted One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit, equal then to Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds One Shilling and Four Pence Sterling, to be let on Loan on Land Security of double the Value, at Five per Cent. per Annum Interest, for ten Years: The Interest was appropriated to the building of a State-House for the Colony, and a Light House for the Benefit of Navigation; the Principal to be sunk by ten equal annual Payments, nine of which, are yet outstanding, equal now to Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Four Pence Sterling; and the sinking this Sum will be compleated in the Year 1758.

Again in the Year 1740, the Colony emitted Twenty Thousand Pounds in Bills of a New Tenor, equal to Eighty Thousand Pounds of their former Bills, and to Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Pounds Eight Shillings Sterling, to be let out on Loan or Land Security of double the Value, on Interest, for ten Years, at Four per Cent. per Annum: The Interest appropriated to building a guard Sloop for the Colony, and paying the Colony's Expences in the Expedition to the *West-Indies*; the Principal to be sunk by ten equal annual Payments, the whole of which is now outstanding, and is now equal to Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence Sterling; the sinking this Sum will be compleated in the Year 1760.

And lastly, in the Year 1743, the Colony emitted Forty Thousand Pounds of the New-Tenor Bills, equal to One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds in Bills of the Old-Tenor, and to Twenty-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-four Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence Sterling, to be let out on Loan on Land Security of double the Value, to pay Interest ten Years, at Four per Cent. per Annum; which was appropriated to put the Colony in a Posture of Defence during the War; the Principal to be paid in ten equal annual Payments; and the whole of this Sum is now outstanding, and is now equal to Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and a Penny Sterling; and the sinking of it will be compleated in the Year 1763.

At divers Times, from the Year 1710, to the Year 1747, the Colony has emitted Bills of publick Credit for the Supply of the Treasury, to the Amount of Three Hundred and Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor; and there hath been called in and burnt at several Times.

Times, from the Year 1728 to 1748, One Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Half-penny ; and by the last Settlement of the General Treasurer's Account, it appears that there was then in the publick Treasury, Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence : From all which it appears, that there is now outstanding of the Bills issued to supply the Treasury, One Hundred and Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-four Pounds Two Shillings and Three Pence Half-penny ; the whole of which outstanding Sum, was issued in the Years 1746 and 1747, and is equal to Ten Thousand and Forty Pounds Seven Shillings and Five Pence Sterling.

And the Parliament having granted to this Colony, for their Services in the *Cape-Breton Expedition*, Six Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling, and the Colony having paid by Order of the Crown, the Wages of the Officers and Soldiers raised for the *Canada Expedition*, Three Thousand Pounds Sterling, the said two Sums being Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling, are a Fund for sinking so much of the Colony's outstanding Bills, and the Remainder, being Seven Hundred and Eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence Sterling, is to be called in and sunk, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony.

The Reason of the great Depreciation observable in the Bills issued by the Colony, is, because the Inhabitants of *New-England* constantly consume a much greater Quantity of *British* Manufactures, than their Exports are able to pay for, which makes such a continual Demand for Gold, Silver, and Bills of Exchange, to make Remittances with, that the Merchants to procure them, are always bidding one upon another, and thereby daily sink the Value of Paper Bills, with which they purchase them : And it is plain, that where the Ballance of Trade is against any Country, that such Part of their Medium of Exchange as hath a universal Currency, will leave them ; and such Part of their Medium as is confined to that Country, will sink in its Value, in Proportion as the Ballance against them is to their Trade : For what hath been the Case with *Rhode-Island* Bills, hath also been the common Fate of all the Paper Bills issued by the other Colonies in *New-England* ; they having been all emitted at near equal Value, and have always passed at par one with another, and consequently have equally sunk in their Value : And this will always be the Case with Infant Countries, that do not raise so much as they consume, either to have no Money, or if they have, it must be worse than that of their richer Neighbours, to compel it to stay with them.

Which Report being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Governor transmit the Substance thereof under his Hand, to Mr. Agent Partridge, to be by him delivered to his Grace the Duke of Bedford, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in Answer to his Grace's Letter to this Colony, about the Bills of publick Credit emitted here, &c. And also that a Duplicate thereof be sent to the said Agent for his own Use.

And

And at the same Time, the Committee aforesaid, presented with their Report, what follows.

Dr.	The Colony for all Money emitted for Supply of the Treasury.	£.
1710. May.	To Cash emitted,	5000
—10. October.	To Ditto,	1000
—10. Nov.	To Ditto,	1000
—11. June.	To Ditto,	6000
—11. Nov.	To Ditto,	300
—26. June.	To Ditto,	46000
—28. June.	To Ditto,	2000
—30. Feb.	To Ditto,	1000
—33. July	To Ditto,	4000
—37. June.	To Ditto,	30000
—38. May.	To Ditto,	10000
—40. Sept.	To Ditto,	10000
—41. May.	To Ditto,	8000
—41. Octob.	To Ditto,	8000
—44. March.	To Ditto,	10000
—45. May.	To Ditto,	15000
—45. Sept.	To Ditto,	20000
—46. June.	To Ditto,	45000
—46. Feb.	To Ditto,	60000
—47. Feb.	To Ditto,	30000
		<u>£. 312,300</u>

— For what has been burnt,	—	—	Cr.
1727. June.	BY Cash burnt at several Times before this Date, as appears by a Settlement of the General Treasurer's Account,	£. 12550	—
—28.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	9019 16 10	
—29.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	3604 7 9	
—30.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	6430 10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
—31.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	3376 13 6	
—32.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	2381 6 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
—33.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	3946 2 6	
—34.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	1015 13 1	
—36.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	3525 9 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
—37.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	4042 2 5	
—38.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	2626 15 10	
—39.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	14077 9 2	
—48.	By Ditto burnt this Year,	88725 —	
		<u>£. 176964 6 10 <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	
	Ballance due from the Colony,	<u>£. 135335 13 1 <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	
		<u>£. 312300</u> —	

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WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to enquire into the State of the Bills of publick Credit that have at any Time been emitted by the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, do Report, That the Colony hath issued for the Supply of the General Treasury, at the Times noted on the Debt-side of the above Account, Three Hundred and Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Pounds ; and that there hath been burnt at the Times noted on the Credit-side of this Account, One Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Half-penny ; and that there is now circulating of Bills of Credit emitted by the Colony, for a Supply of the Treasury, One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and a Penny Half-penny.

*Newport, February 27. 1749.*

‘ PETER BOURS,

‘ STEPHEN HOPKINS,

‘ DANIEL JENCKES.’

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

Whereas *Daniel Jenckes* and *Stephen Hopkins*, Esqrs. exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Ex-pences, Time, and Horse-hire, in attending on the Colony's Busines, relating the State of Paper Bills, &c. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and it is hereby allow'd ; and that Fifty-seven Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel and Stephen* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peter Bours*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Trouble in stating the Paper Currency, in Answer to the Letter sent the Colony by his Grace the Duke of *Bedford* : On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Fifteen Pounds, paid him out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peter Easton*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Glafs, and new Lading the Windows at the Goal-House in the County of *Newport* ; and the Truth of said Account being attested to by *Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of said County, this Assembly, on Consideration of the Affair, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and it is hereby allow'd, and that Ten Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, paid the said *Peter Easton* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Anne and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, at their last Session made ; and also for Paper by them furnish'd for printing the same : On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and the Amount thereof, being Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas this General Assembly, at their Session in October last, appointed Mr. *Elisha Brown*, *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; and Mr. *Samuel Chace*, or the major Part of them, a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Managers or Directors of the *Providence Lottery*, in Respect to the building *Waybiffet Bridge*, and paying the Benefit Tickets; and also to receive such Benefit Tickets as have been paid, &c. In Consequence of which Appointment, the Committee made the following Report unto this Assembly :

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being chosen a Committee by the Honourable Assembly, in October last, to examine the Directors Accounts, concerning the *Providence Lottery*, do find them thus :

*The several Gentlemen, Directors, - - - Dr.*  
**T**O Cash obtained by them, in the Lottery granted by the Assembly, - - - £. 12000 -- -

<i>Contra. - - - - Cr.</i>
<b>B</b> Y as many Benefit Tickets paid to the several Adventurers, as amount to the Sum of - - £. 11650 -- - And for which we have given Receipts to the several Directors.
The Ballance yet due to the other Adventurers, not paid by said Directors, amounts to the Sum of - - - - - 350 -- -
<hr/> £. 12000 -- -

*Providence, Feb. 26. 1749.*

Errors Excepted, per	<b>E</b> LISHA <b>B</b> RWN, <b>S</b> AMUEL <b>C</b> HACE, <b>J</b> OSEPH <b>N</b> ICHOLS,	{ Committee.
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*The several Gentlemen, Directors, - - - Dr.*  
**T**O Cash lodged in their Hands, by Means of the Lottery for building *Waybiffet Bridge*, - - £. 3000 -- -

<i>Contra. - - - - Cr.</i>
<b>B</b> Y the whole of their Accounts for Work done on said Bridge, as now compleat, examined, amounting to the Sum of - - - - - £. 1610 7 4
The Ballance yet in their Hands, due to the Bridge, is - - - - - £. 1389 12 8
<hr/> £. 3000 -- -

*Providence, Feb. 26. 1749.*

Errors Excepted, per	<b>E</b> LISHA <b>B</b> RWN, <b>S</b> AMUEL <b>C</b> HACE, <b>J</b> OSEPH <b>N</b> ICHOLS,	{ Committee.
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And now this Assembly having taken said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

*And*

*And it is also further Voted and Resolved.* That the said Committee be, and they are hereby directed and impowered to burn the Benefit Tickets by them received of the aforesaid Managers or Directors of the Providence Lottery, in Respect to the building *Wayboston* Bridge: And that thereupon they be discharged from the Receipt they gave the said Managers or Directors for the said Tickets.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport*, on the third Monday of *August* last, appointed *Peter Bours, Simon Pease, and George Wanton*, Esqrs. Messrs. *Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield*, or the major Part of them, a Committee for the Ends and Purposes mentioned in that Act, made to this Assembly the following Report of their Conduct, to wit;

*Newport, Feb. 22. 1749-50*

‘ To the Honourable General Assembly.

WE the Subscribers, being a Committee appointed by the General Assembly to settle with *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; his Account with the Colony, respecting the Tenth Money; and to examine into the Circumstances attending the Mortgages and Bonds in his Hands, belonging to the Colony, Report as followeth, viz. That there is in said *Nichols's* Hands, a Number of *non est* Bonds, and others, now due to the Colony, amounting to Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Three Pounds and Thirteen Shillings. We also find, that said *Nichols* has delivered to Mr. *Peleg Peckham*, as by his Receipt, dated *December 27. 1749.* a Number of Tenth Bonds due from the County of *Kings County*, to be put in Suit, amounting to Seven Thousand and Seventy Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence; and also a Mortgage Deed from *Henry Knowles* to the Colony, for Three Thousand Pounds, due in the Year *1746*, to be put in Suit, it being for a Sum of Money formerly lent by the Government to *William Borden*. Said *Nichols* hath also shewed us a Receipt from *George Brown*, Esq; dated *October 25. 1749.* for a Number of Tenth Bonds due from the County of *Providence*, to be put in Suit, amounting to Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds Seven Shillings and Five Pence; and also informs us that there is due to him from the aforesaid *George Brown*, Esq; on Account of some Tenth Bonds heretofore put into his Hands to sue, the Sum of Three Thousand and Twenty-seven Pounds and Six Pence.

We further Report, That we have received of the said *Benjamin Nichols*, Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Seven Pence Old Tenor, including in said Sum, two Orders of Assembly, for said *Nichols* to pay Forty-Eight Pounds to *James Daniel*, and Eight Pounds to *William Reed*; of which Sum, we have burnt Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds One Shilling and Seven Pence; the Remainder, amounting to Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds and Seventeen Shillings, being Bills emitted by *New-Hampshire* and *Connellicut* Governments: Eleven Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence of it, is in the Hands of *Peter Bours*, Esq; One Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds and Sixteen Shillings of it, is in the Hands of *Simon Pease*, Esq; and One Thousand and Sixty-eight Pounds Four Shillings and

• and Six Pence, in the Hands of Mr. *James Sheffield*, to exchange for  
 • Bills of this Colony, to burn, or to be otherwise disposed of, as the  
 • General Assembly shall order.

• We likewise Report, That we discovered a Number of Mortgage  
 • Deeds of the third and fourth Banks, that no Bonds appear as yet to be  
 • given with them, amounting to Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and  
 • Fifteen Pounds; a List of which we herewith present.

• We also Report, That *Daniel Updike*, Esq; was called upon to Ac-  
 • count to us, who informed us that he was not quite ready: All which is  
 • humbly submitted, by *Gentlemen*,

• *Your humble Servants,*

• *PETER BOURS,*

• *SIMON PEASE,*

• *THOMAS CRANSTON,*

• *GEORGE WANTON,*

• *JAMES SHEFFIELD.*

To which Report, the said Committee subjoined the following Account.

*The Colony to the above Committee, - - - Dr.*

**T**O our Time and Trouble in settling the above-men-**tioned** Account, even Days each, at Fifty Shillings, **£. 87 10 0**

*Peter Bours,*

*Simon Pease,*

*Thomas Cranston.*

*George Wanton,*

*James Sheffield.*

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration,  
*Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That it be  
 accepted, and that they, the said Committee, burn the Sum within men-  
 tioned, in their Hands, as soon as they have exchanged the same into the  
 Bills of this Colony; and thereof make Report to this Assembly at their  
 next Session.

*It is also Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Account, by the said  
 Committee charged against the Colony, be allowed, and the Amount  
 thereof, being Eighty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, paid them out of the  
 General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in *South-Kingstown*,  
 on the last Monday of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
 Forty-seven, chose and appointed *George Wanton*, Esq; *Messrs. James*  
*Sheffield*, and *Thomas Cranston*, a Committee to inspect into the double  
 Mortgages in the Grand Committee's Office, and also to inspect into the  
 Bonds in said Office: In Consideration of which Appointment, the said  
*George Wanton*, *James Sheffield*, and *Thomas Cranston*, having undertaken  
 the Business, made the following Report of their Progress therein.

• *Memorandum of Mortgages and Bonds.*

1747-8. March 14. *WE* find one Mortgage of Mr. *Jeremiah Brown*,  
 of *South-Kingstown*, with seven Indorsements  
 upon the back; but said Brown produced the whole ten Bonds, which  
 makes it appear that the Mortgage is paid, and ought to be discharged.

1748. May 31. ' We find a Mortgage for Two Hundred Pounds, given by Mr. Jabez Brenton, deceas'd, and three Bonds given by Mrs. Martha Church, for the same Sum (which are now in Suit); when paid, we think the Mortgage ought to be discharged.

1748. Nov. 8. & We find a Mortgage of Samuel Dyre's, of North Kings-town, in the second Bank, with nine Incarsments; and said Dyre producing the Tenth Bond, we think the Mortgage ought to be discharged.

1748. Nov. 8. • We find a Mortgage of Oliver Arnold's, of Newport, in the first Bank, with all the Indorsines on the back, and a Receipt wrote in full by Jabezel Brenton, but not sign'd; we think said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

1749. June 9. "We find a Mortgage Deed of *Joseph Hull*, jun. of *Westerly*, with but four Indorsments upon it; and the said *Hull* produced the last Tenth Bond paid, and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

1749. June 10. ' We find a Mortgage of John Dexter's, of Smithfield, with five Indorsements upon the back ; but the said Dexter produced the two last Tenth Bonds paid. We are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

Newport, July 14. 1749. " We find six Bonds for Eight Pounds Ten  
• Shillings each, given by *Daniel Knowles*; and the same Bonds we find  
• were exchanged by *Jeffry Hazzard*, he having given six Bonds in their  
• Room; which six Bonds of *Daniel Knowles*, we think ought to be  
• discharged

• We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee in February Sessions,  
in 1747-8, by the General Assembly, to inspect into Mortgages and  
Bonds in the Grand Committee's Office, do Report, That according  
to said Appointment, we have attended said Trust from time to time,  
and have examined all the Mortgages and Bonds presented to our View,  
and have laid them by in said Office, according to the foregoing Memo-  
randum; Which is all submitted to the Consideration of the General  
Assembly, by Your humble Servants,

February 28. 1749-50.

THOMAS CRANSTON,  
GEORGE WANTON,  
JAMES SHEFFIELD.

With which Report, the Committee presented the following Account ;  
*Colony of Rhode-Island, - , Dr.*

To our Time and Trouble in attending said Trust, from time to time, L. 2100

February 28. 1749-50.

Thomas Cranston,  
George Wanton,  
James Sheffield.

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report and Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report be, and it is so far accepted, that all the Bonds and Mortgages therein mentioned, shall remain in the several Offices without being put in Suit, 'till the General Assembly shall order the same, *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Account be allowed, and Twenty One Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid the Committee out of the General Treasury.

Whereas this Assembly appointed a Committee to receive of Col. *Daniel Updike*, so much of the Tenth Money as he had in his Hands, &c. have performed that Service, and made the following Report:

*South-Kingstown March 2. 1749-50.*

• *To the Honourable General Assembly.*

• **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to receive of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; such of the Tenth Money he had in his Hands, and to burn the same, Report, That we have this Day receiv'd of said *Daniel Updike*, Esq; Two Thousand and Four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One Penny, Bills emitted by this Government, and have burnt the same in the Presence of the Governor and Council: As Witness our Hands.

• **PETER BOURS,**  
• **SIMON PEASE,**  
• **THOMAS CRANSTON,**  
• **GEORGE WANTON,**  
• **JAMES SHEFFIELD.**

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Deputy Governor, Messrs. *Thomas Cranston, John Tillinghast, and James Shefield*, be constituted a Committee, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered in Behalf of the Colony, to settle the Accounts of Col. *John Gardner*, Messrs. *John Clanning, Thomas Wickham, and Stephen Wanton*, Directors of the Lottery permitted and allowed by the Government, for the Relief of *Joseph Fox*, lately confined in *Newport Goal*; and to receive of the said Directors, all the Money that shall appear to remain in their Hands, after paying for the Relief of said *Fox*, and the Charges of the said Directors, as allowed by Assembly: And that the said Committee make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas this Assembly, at their Session in *October* last, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for introducing into this Colony, such of the Statutes of *England* as are agreeable to the Constitution, and make Report of their Doings; the greater Part of whom, presented what followeth:

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed to Report what Statutes of *Great-Britain* are, and ought to be in Force in this Colony, do Report as followeth:

That the following **STATUTES, viz.**  
The Statute of *Merton*, concerning Dower.

*Westminster* the first, as far as it concerns Bail.

*Glenelg.*

The Statutes of *Westminster* the second, *de Denis conditionalibus.*  
First *Henry the 5th. chap. 5th.* of Additons.  
Partition in general.

## The Statutes of

Thirty-second of *Henry* the 8th. concerning *Leases*, saving and excepting the last Paragraph of the said Statute.  
 Twenty-first of *James* 1st. chap. 16th. for limiting real Actions : And that of 32d of *Henry* the 8th. chap. 2d. *James* and *Elizabeth*, and all other Statutes that concern *Bastardy*, so far as applicable to the Constitution of this Colony.

All Statutes that are against criminal Offenders, so far as they are descriptive of the Crime, and where the Law of this Colony hath not described and enjoined the Punishment ; then that Part of the Statute that relates to the Punishment also ; always saving and excepting such Statutes, as from the Nature of the Offences mentioned in them, are confined to *Great-Britain* only.

The Statute of 27th *Henry* the 8th. commonly called the Statute of *Uses*.

The Statute of the 29th of *Charles* 2d. chap. 3d. commonly called the Statute of *Frauds and Perjuries*.

The Statutes of the 22d and 23d of *Charles* the 2d. chap. 10th. for distributing the Estates of Intestates.

The Statutes of the 3d and 4th of *William and Mary*, chap. 14th.

The Statutes of 4th and 5th of *Anne*, chap. 16th. relating to *Joint-tenants*, and *Tenants in common*.

That Part of the Statute of the 1st of *Anne*, that subjects *Lessees* that hold over their Term against the Will of the *Lessor*, to the Payment of double Rent during the Time they hold over.

All Statutes relating to the Poor, and relating Masters and their Apprentices ; so far as they are applicable in this Colony, and where we have no Law of the Colony.

All which Statutes we are humbly of Opinion have heretofore been, and still ought to be in Force in this Colony.

D. UPDIKE,  
 J. HONYMAN, jun.  
 J. APLIN.

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That all and every of the Statutes aforesaid, be, and they are hereby introduced into this Colony, and shall be in full Force therein, until the General Assembly shall order otherwise.

His Honour the Governor is hereby requested to write to the Government of the *Massachusetts*, and inform them this Assembly have appointed a Committee to meet and join the Gentlemen appointed by the Province, for running the Northern Boundary Line of the Colony. His Honour is also desired to request of the Province, that all Taxes assessed, or that shall be assessed on Persons inhabiting any Lands to the Southward of the Line lately run by our Commissioners, be not collected or levied till the dividing Line be run and mutually settled ; his Majesty having giving such Directions, since the Controversy arose between the two Governments, respecting their Boundaries.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Joseph Whipple, jun. Thomas Cranston, and John Tillinghast*, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of the Gentlemen (who were formerly appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended

intended against Canada) their Accounts with the Colony, and to adjust the same, and receive the Ballance, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session, of their Conduct in the Affair.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Grand Committee and General Treasurer, &c, and they are hereby directed not to receive any Bills of Credit of the Province of New-Hampshire, in Discharge of any of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds.*

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport*, the third Monday of *August* last, appointed *Peter Bours, Simon Pease, and George Wanton, Esqrs. Messrs. Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield*, or the major Part of them, a Committee to inspect (among other Things) into the Circumstances of all the Mortgages and Bonds in the Grand Committee's Office, and notify the Inhabitants of the Colony, by printed Advertisements, that all Persons who have not given in Tenth Bonds for the Money they took up of the Banks emitted in the Years 1715, 1728, and 1731, if they did not forthwith pay the Money already due, and give in Bonds for the Remainder, they might depend upon their Mortgages being put in Suit. The Committee were also to insert in the Advertisements, a List of all the Persons who had neglected to give Bond as aforesaid. The Advertisements were ordered to be put up at the Places where the Town Meetings are held in the several Towns, that all Persons who had any Reason to offer, why they did not give Bond as aforesaid, might justify themselves to the said Committee, and their Mortgages in the mean Time should be laid aside, and not put in Suit. And whereas those Gentlemen have not perfected the Business to which they were appointed : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby farther continued for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid ; that they take Notice of all the Banks emitted by the Colony, and insert in the Advertisements, that in case the Persons who have not given Tenth Bonds in any of the Banks, do not pay what Money is due, and give Bonds for the Remainder, within six Months after the third Day of March, 1749, their Mortgages shall be forthwith put in Suit : And that the said Committee send a Copy of the whole List of Mortgages (on which no Bonds are given) to each of the Town Clerks in the Colony ; and insert in the Advertisements, only the Names of the Persons deficient in each respective Town, and send the same to the respective Town Clerks, to be by them set up in Manner as aforesaid.*

Whereas *Robert Halford* (Son of *Stephen*), and *Beriah Brown, Esqrs.* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for Cash by them advanced for repairing the Goal in *Kings County* : On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that Thirty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Nine Pence, it being the Amount thereof, be paid them the said *Robert and Beriah*, out of the General Treasury.*

Whereas *Thomas Hazzard*, Keeper of the Goal in *Kings County*, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged again't the Colony, for

for mending the Windows of said Goal : On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That said Account be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that Four Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Thomas out of the General Treasury.*

Both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, and chose *Benjamin Hazzard*, Esq; a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to supply the Vacancy made by the Death of *Stephen Paine*, Esq; late one of the Judges of said Court.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. shall set and take Place in the following Order :*

*JOSHUA BABCOCK*, Esq; First and Chief Judge.

*JONATHAN RANDAL*, Esq; Second Judge.

*WILLIAM HALL*, Esq; Third Judge.

*JOHN WALTON*, Esq; Fourth Judge,

*BENJAMIN HASZARD*, Esq; Fifth Judge.

Whereas sundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, represented unto this Assembly, that the great Bridge at *Patuxet Falls*, in the County of *Providence*, is very much decayed, the long String-pieces and Caps being so rotten, that it will not be safe to pass over it in a little Time ; and as the said Bridge stands on the main Country Road, much used by the Inhabitants, as well as other Travellers, and the Post, it is absolutely necessary that Something should be done concerning the same : Whereupon they prayed a publick Lottery might be set up, in order to raise a Sum of Money sufficient to build a new Bridge with Stone Abutments at each End, and a Stone Cage in the middle of the River, which will be durable and last a long while, with but little Charge to maintain it afterwards. And this Assembly considering the absolute Necessity of keeping up a good Bridge at *Patuxet Falls*, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted* : And to that End, a publick Lottery shall be set up, according to the following Scheme.

The Lottery shall consist of 6000 Tickets, at Four Pounds Old-Tenor each ; 1652 of which to be fortunate, in the following Manner.

Number of Prizes.	Value of each.	Total Value.
1	of £. 1000	is £. 1000
2	of 500	are 1000
4	of 200	are 800
10	of 100	are 1000
20	of 50	are 1000
30	of 40	are 1200
50	of 30	are 1500
60	of 25	are 1500
100	of 20	are 2000
200	of 15	are 3000
300	of 10	are 3000
875	of 8	are 7000
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£. 1652		£. 24000
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All the Prizes shall be subject to a Deduction of *Ten per Cent.* to be applied to and for building the Bridge, and defraying the Charges of the Lottery.

*And it is farther Voted and Resolved,* That *James Arnold, John Dexter, and Jeremiah Lippit, Esqrs.* with *Messrs. James Rhoades, and Eliza Brown,* be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery, and shall be allowed *Three per Cent.* for their Trouble as Directors, and for building the Bridge: They shall give Bond in the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds,* for the faithful Performance of their Trust, in the same Manner as the Directors of the *Providence Lottery* gave Bond; and render an Account of the whole when finished. The Time of Drawing the Lottery shall begin the last Monday of *June* next, at *Patuxet,* if filled: Whereof the Directors shall give Notice in the publick Prints, ten Days before the Drawing.

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*An ACT for Regulation of the Money raised by Lottery, to build Weybosset Bridge.*

**W**HEREAS there is now in the Hands of the Directors of said Lottery, One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence, over and above what hath been expended in building said Bridge, which at present yields no Advantage to the Colony, or to said Bridge; and as said Sum is Part of the Three Thousand Pounds originally appropriated for the Use of said Bridge;

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted, That the said Directors pay into the Hands of Mr. *Joseph Sheldon,* who is hereby appointed to receive the said Sum, and give said Directors Receipts for it: and that he put it out to Interest, at *Six per Cent. per Annum,* and keep the same, and the Interest thereof, so at Interest, for the future.

*And it is further Enacted,* That the said *Joseph Sheldon* deliver out of said Money to Mr. *Daniel Smith,* who is hereby appointed to have the Care and Oversight of said *Weybosset Bridge,* and repair and mend the same as Occasion shall require, such Sums of Money as may be necessary for that Purpose, and take the said *Smith's* Receipts for the same.

*And it is further Enacted,* That the said *Joseph Sheldon* give Bonds to the General Treasurer of this Colony, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds,* for the faithful Discharge of said Trust; and to Account with the General Assembly for his Doings therein, whenever called thereto: Always provided, said *Joseph Sheldon* will perform said Service without any Charge to the Colony.

Whereas this General Assembly, at their Session in *Warwick,* on the third Monday of *August,* in the Year of our Lord 1735, did, upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Westerly,* pass an *Act* for turning the Course of Part of *Paucatauk River* into a large Pond, in said *Westerly* thereby to keep open the Breach, and form a Harbour, &c. Three Quarters of the Charges thereto to be paid out of the General Treasury, on Condition the said Town of *Westerly*, or any Person in their Behalf,

Behalf, would first procure and give sufficient Bond to pay and discharge the other fourth Part of the Charge, and also to make and maintain such and so many Bridges as there should ever be Occasion to make across said River, between the Place where it should be taken from its usual Channel, and the Place where it would fall into said Pond. For the Performing whereof, Messrs. *Joseph Stanton, Oliver Babcock, Samuel Perry, and Samuel Clark*, were appointed a Committee, &c. And as the Town of *Westerly*, or any other Person in their Behalf, have not from that Time 'till this present Session, given Bond for the said Town's performing the Conditions aforesaid, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee aforesaid do nothing in the Affair before the next Session of this Assembly; and the General Treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to pay no Money out of the General Treasurer for the Purposes aforesaid, before that Time.

Whereas the Honourable *Spencer Phips*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the *Massachusetts*, wrote a Letter to our Governor, requesting Payment for transporting Prisoners belonging to this Colony, from *Canada*: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Cranston* enquire into the proper Offices, whether any Thing hath been already paid on the above Account: And if it shall appear that the Colony have not made Satisfaction in the Affair, then Mr. *Cranston* is hereby impowered to draw so much Money out of the General Treasury, as will be sufficient to pay for the Transportation of five Prisoners only, *Jacob Judah*, the other, not belonging to this Colony. And when Mr. *Cranston* shall have receiv'd said Money, he is to deliver it to his Honour the Governor, who is hereby requested to transmit the same to the aforesaid *Spencer Phips*, Esq;

Whereas *Joseph Holway* and *Thomas Hazzard*, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Attendance on this Assembly, at their last and the present Session: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*. That said Account be, and it is hereby allowed; and that Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings, be paid to each of them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Town of *North-Kingstown*, at a Meeting had on the Twenty-sixth Day of *August*, 1746, appointed Messrs *Francis Willet, Rose Helme, jun. and James Wightman*, a Committee to consider some Proposals made by Mr. *Benjamin Congdon*, of said *North-Kingstown*, for exchanging a Highway on the great Plain, &c. And the Gentlemen having assumed that Province, made Report to the Town Meeting held in *North-Kingstown*, the Twenty-ninth Day of *August*, 1749. to wit, That "having viewed the High-way that leads from Mr. *Jeremiah Gardner's*, "and so across the Hills to the High-way leading to *Robert Eldred's*, they "found the Highway across the Hills (as it was shewn them by "Mr. *Congdon*), to be in some Places so very steep, that it is not pos- "sible, especially with Carts; and were of Opinion the best Method of "exchanging said Way, would be from the High-way that leads to "Mr.

“ Mr. Job Tripp’s, and to go by Mr. Congdon’s Houte on the Plain, to  
 “ the High-way that leads to Mr. Robert Eldred’s, according to a Draught  
 “ made by Mr. Benoni Hall, Surveyor, which Mr. Congdon would submit  
 “ to, provided he might have the Liberty of hanging Gates, and making  
 “ Bars at his Corner Houte, and at the Plain where the High-way turns  
 “ to the Southward.” Which Report was accepted by the said Town,  
 at their last-mention’d Meeting: And afterwards, at another meeting of  
 the said Town, on the fifth Day of December last, *It was Voted*, That the  
 Report of the aforesaid Francis Willet, Rowse Helme, and James Wightman,  
 should be laid before the General Assembly, for a further Sanction, and  
 a more sure Establishment; which was accordingly done this Session, by  
 the Deputies of the said Town of North-Kingstown. And now this  
 Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration. *Do Vote and  
 Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Exchange of the High-way,  
 as set down in the Report of the aforesaid Committee, be, and the same  
 is hereby confirmed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly,  
 unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session, to  
 be held on the last Monday of April next, if called either by his Honour  
 the Governor, or his Honour the Deputy Governor: If not called before  
 nor at that Time, then this Assembly shall be Dissolved. And that the  
 Secretary proclaim in Newport, by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders  
 now made and pass’d, within ten Days, and send Copies of the same,  
 according to Law, unto the several Towns, within Thirty Days after the  
 Rising of this Assembly.

**GOD save the KING.**

Newport, March 12. 1749.

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America ; begun and held at Newport, in said Colony, on Tuesday the first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty ; and in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

PETER BOURS, Esq;	}	STEPHEN BROWNL, Esq;
SIMON PEASE, Esq;		Ass't. WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;		Ass't. DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S of the several T O W N S.

NEWPORT ;  
 Mr. *Naibanael Coggeshall*,  
 Mr. *Joseph Whipple*, jun.  
 Mr. *Thomas Cranston*,  
 Mr. *John Tillinghaſt*,  
 Mr. *Nicholas Easton*,  
 Capt. *Job Bennet*.

PROVIDENCE ;  
 Mr. *Eliza Brown*.



PORTSMOUTH ;  
 William *Anthony*, jun. Esq;  
 John *Allen*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Thomas Brownel*,  
 Benjamin *Hickes*, Esq;

WARWICK ;  
 Philip *Greene*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Joseph Lippit*.

WEST.

WESTERLY ;	Capt. <i>Nathanael Lewis.</i>
Col. <i>Joseph Pendleton,</i>	WEST-GREENWICH ;
Capt. <i>Caleb Church.</i>	Mr. <i>Samuel Hopkins,</i>
NEWHOREHAM ;	Mr. <i>William Cumstock.</i>
None.	COVENTRY ;
NORTH KINGSTON ;	<i>Elisha Johnson, Esq;</i>
Col. <i>Immanuel Northup,</i>	<i>Samuel Cooper, Esq;</i>
Beriah Brown, Esq;	EXETER ;
SOUTH KINGSTON ;	Capt. <i>William Tripp.</i>
Mr. <i>Henry Gardner,</i>	MIDDLETOWN ;
Mr. <i>Rowland Robinson.</i>	Mr. <i>Jonathan Easton,</i>
EAST-GREENWICH ;	Capt. <i>William Turner.</i>
None.	BRISTOL ;
JAMESTOWN ;	<i>Jonathan Peck, Esq;</i>
Mr. <i>Edward Carr,</i>	<i>Major Thomas Greene.</i>
Mr. <i>Joseph Clark.</i>	TIVERTON ;
SMITHFIELD ;	Capt. <i>John Manchester,</i>
None.	Abraham Barker, Esq;
SCITUATE ;	LITTLE COMPTON ;
Job Randal, Esq;	Capt. <i>John Hunt,</i>
Mr. <i>Gideon Hammond.</i>	Mr. <i>Joseph Peckham.</i>
GLOCESTER ;	WARREN ; None.
Major <i>Richard Smith,</i>	CUMBERLAND ;
Mr. <i>Benjamin Smith.</i>	None.
CHARLESTOWN ;	RICHMOND ;
Mr. <i>James Congdon,</i>	Capt. <i>James Adams.</i>

The Honourable Mr. THOMAS CRANSTON was chosen Speaker ;  
And Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON Clerk of the Lower House.

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**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That all and every of the Persons, whose Names hereafter follow, having taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Law of this Colony, against Bribery and Corruption, be, and they are hereby admitted to give their Votes to choose Officers for the respective Towns ; and also to give their Votes for the Choice of the General Officers of the Colony.

**N E W P O R T ;**

James Easton, Clothier Pearce, Christopher Bennet, Gideon Sisson, Joseph Jacob, Daniel Amory, Daniel Ayrault, Benjamin Almy, John M'quellam, Jonathan Thurston, Samuel Thurston (Son of *Edward*), Israel Brayton, William Redwood, Ebenezer Davenport, jun. Aaron Sheffield, John Thurston (*Taylor*), John Harris, John Rider, Thomas Rodman, John Chadwick, Christopher Hargil, Jonathan Barney, John Jepton, John King, Jacob Wilkey, William James (Son of *John*), Benjamin Borden, Daniel Coggeshall, Benjamin Johnson, Edward Church, Peleg Cranston, Joseph Tillinghaft, John Proud, Joseph Proud, James Green, John Clarke (*Blacksmith*), Walter Rodman, Edward Belcher, and Samuel Greene.

**P R O.**

## P R O V I D E N C E;

Nathan Pearch, Joseph Turpin, Barzillai Richmond, Benoni Williams, Peleg Dexter, Philip Roberts, Jonathan Burlingame, Samuel Windsor, jun. Uriah Arnold, Thomas Angel, Edward Manton, Jonathan Pike, Henry Randal (Son of *Joseph*), Joseph Randal (Son of *William*), James Clark, Thomas Olney (Son of *Thomas*), John Rutenburge, Joseph Nash, Joseph Whipple, Henry Elton, Nicholas Brown, Charles Smith, Gideon Brown, Jabez Gorham, Abel Peacy, David Tift, Joseph Kelton, Timothy Williams, Ebenezer Tyler, Charles Hickinbotham, John Owen, John Scott, jun. Stephen Angel, Stukely Westcot *the third*, William Hammond, Jeremiah Hawkins, and Stephen Rawson.

## P O R T S M O U T H;

Robert Burrington, jun. and Joseph Cook.

## W A R W I C K;

Daniel Remington, Israel Arnold (Son of *Eliza*), James Cook, Pentecost Sweet, Benjamin Sweet, Peleg Cook, Nathanael Millard, Randal Holden, jun. Samuel Gorton, Thomas Tibbits, Amos Lockwood, jun. Thomas Stone, William Wood, and Anthony Holdon.

## W E S T E R L Y;

Isaac Babcock, Robert Burdick, jun. Joseph Witter, Jonathan Burdick, Joleph Burdick, Hubbard Burdick (Son of *Robert*). Thomas Foster, Thomas Brand, Ezekiel Gaver, jun. Edward Robinson, Benjamin Hall, Jonathan Palmittar, John West, John Maxson, jun. John Cottril, William Hern, jun. John Witter, jun. Jedediah Davis, Nathan Lanphear, John Lanphear, jun. Daniel Lanphear, William Clark, George Stillman, jun. John Stillman, Elisha Stillman, Thomas Siffon, Jonathan Palmittar, jun. Joleph Lewis, William Thompson, John Chapman, William Chapman, Jonathan Weaver, Jeremiah Crandel, Theolatry Vars, Cornelius Strutson, Roger White, Josias Hill, jun. John Peckcom, John Pooler, John Hill, Christopher Edwards, Thomas Weaver, William Saunders, Jonathan Brown, Ebenezer Burdick, and Samuel Maxson.

## N O R T H - K I N G S T O N;

Joseph Northup, jun. John Briggs, Philip Tourje, and George Northup.

## S O U T H - K I N G S T O N;

John Watson, Nathanael Gardner, Jeremiah Wilcox, Jonathan Shearman, Moses Barber, Samuel Barber, Samuel Whaley, Peter Crandall, Stephen Cottril, jun. Caleb Hafzard, Ebenezer Brenton, John Rose, Joseph Hafzard, Benjamin Perry, Jonathan Hafzard, Thomas Hafzard (Son of *Jonathan*, deceas'd), Jeremiah Hafzard, and James Barber.

## E A S T - G R E E N W I C H;

Benjamin Spenser, Jonathan Nichols, Jeremiah Spenser, William Davis, Samuel Sweet, Silas Jones, Jeremiah Spenser, and Caleb Briggs.

JAMES-

*J A M E S T O W N;*

Gerthom Remington, John Remington (*Son of Gerthom*), and Benjamin Carr (*Son of Edward, deceas'd*).

*S M I T H F I E L D;*

Joshua Smith, Joseph Latham, Ananias Mowrey, John Wilkinson, jun. Isaac Medberry, Richard Aldrich, and Noah Whitman.

*S C I T U A T E;*

Peter Parker, Henry Randal, Samuel Smith, Charles Beers, John Young, Daniel Hopkins, Thomas Matthewson, William Young, Jonathan Angel, Jeremiah Brownel, Joseph Jencks, John Randal, Joseph Knight, John Potter, Caleb Pearce, Benjamin Daley, Samuel Daley, Caleb Corey, Daniel Tift, David Brown, Elisha Barnes, Daniel Scott, Daniel Scott, jun. Job Wilbore, and William Aldrich.

*G L O U C E S T E R;*

James King, jun. David Thornton, Thomas King, Thomas Pollock, Samuel Short, John Benson, Benjamin Phetteplace, Elias Smith, Benjamin Mackintire, Titus Thornton, John Ross, Benjamin Warner, Nathanael Kimbell, Valentine Inman, John Thornton, Noah Aldrich, Nehemiah Lewis, Ebenezer Cooke, William Colwell, Jeremiah Bellue, and Joseph Eddy.

*C H A R L E S T O W N;*

Benjamin Braman, Consider Halls, Stephen Johnson, Ezekiel Johnson, Robert Austin, jun. and Job Taylor.

*W E S T - G R E E N W I C H;*

John Weaver (*Son of William*), Anthony Goffe, Abner Goffe, Benjamin Sweet, jun. John Cafe (*Son of Joseph*), and John Cafe (*Son of John, Son of Joseph*).

*C O V E N T R Y;*

Joseph Edmonds, Michael Stafford, Thomas Utter, Jonathan Green, and Uriel Green, jun.

*E X E T E R;*

James Brayman, Solomon Brayman, Edward Green, and Jeoffry Champlin, jun.

*M I D D L E T O W N;*

John Green, jun. Joseph Ryder, Christopher Hawkins, and James Phillips, jun.

*B R I S T O L;*

Simon Davis, Jeremiah Wilson, Ephraim Tisdale, William Cox, Charles Munroe, Josiah Finney, and Bosworth Kinnicut.

*T I V E R T O N;*

John Manchester, Samuel Snell, Joseph Anthony, Roger Cory, Thomas Cook, Thomas Weight, Edward Wanton, John Borden, Samuel

Samuel Durfie, Weston Hickes, Samuel Hickes, Stephen Cook, Thomas Howland, John Tabor, Cornelius Soule, Philip Cory, Thomas Cook (*Son of Joseph*), George Cook, William Wilcocks, John Almy, Ebenezer Tabor, John Bennet, Benjamin Durfie, Peter Talman, John Jennings, Abraham Barker, Samuel Borden, Restcome Sanford, Oliver Bailey, Samuel Snell, jun. Joseph Tabor, John Tabor (*Son of John*), Samuel Hart, Jonathan Hart, Joseph Wanton, John Cook, John Pearce, Peleg Shearman, Daniel Earl, David Durfie, Samuel Hart, jun. Job Durfie, Joseph Stafford, David Stafford, Abraham Stafford, William Sanford, Peleg Sanford, Joshua Dwelly, jun. Blake Perry, John Cook (*Son of Thomas*), William Woodel, John Bowen, Samuel Shearman, William Shrieve, William Fish, William Manchester (*Son of Stephen*), Joseph Crandal, Josiah Sawyer, David Lake, Joseph Jennings, Benjamin Maccomber, Philip Tabor, Joseph Tabor (*Son of Philip*), Benjamin Chace, jun. William Cook, Thomas Fish, William Corey, Jonathan Davel, George Westgate, Thomas Anthony, Caleb Corey, Thomas Gray, Philip Gray, William Gray, John Brown, Thomas Wilcocks, Joshua Dwelley, Abner Chace, Josiah Wilcocks, Giles Brownell, William Springer, Gershom Woodel, Joseph Seabury, Samuel Almy, Thomas Crandal, Paul Tabor, Benjamin Hambly, Job Almy, William Manchester (*Son of John*), Daniel Earl, jun. John Sawyer, Oliver Cook, John Thomas, Ebenezer Shearman, Noah Davenport, Thomas Cook (*Son of John Cook*), and William Almy.

*L I T T L E - C O M P T O N ;*

Thomas Church, Israel Stoddard, Fobes Southworth, Robert Taylor, jun. Joshua Hillard, Moses Palmer, David Hillard, Simeon Palmer, Job Brownell, Robert Brown, Jonathan Davenport, Abiel Cook, John Hart, and Job Brigs.

*W A R R E N ;*

Bernard Miller, Benjamin Estabrook, Richard Hale, John Kinnicut, jun. David Cole, Benjamin Cole, and John Low.

*C U M B E R L A N D ;*

James Howard, Caleb Aldrich, Moses Arnold, Roger Hill, Jonathan Jillson, Stephen Inman, and Samuel Fisk.

*R I C H M O N D ;*

Stephen Wilcox, John Knowles, John Wilbore, Benjamin Potter, David Stanton, Joseph Kinyon, Ezekiel Tift, John Knowles, jun. Nicholas Mosher, John Kinyon (*Son of Joseph*), Thomas Mosher, and Smiton Hart.

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Planta-  
tions, in New-England, in America; begun and  
held at Newport, in said Colony, on the first Wed-  
nesday of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Fifty; and in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign  
of His Most Sacred Majesly, GEORGE the Second,  
by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France,  
and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

## P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. WILLIAM ELLERY, Esq; Dep. Gov.

PETER BOURS, Esq;	} <i>Affl.</i>	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
SIMON PLEASE, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
WILLIAM BURTON, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNL, Esq;		JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq;

## The SECRETARY.

## DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT;

Mr. Na:banael Coggeshall,  
Mr. Joseph Whipple, jun.  
Mr. Thomas Cranston,  
Mr. John Tillinghaſt,  
Mr. Nicholas Easton,  
Capt. Job Bennet.



## WARWICK;

Philip Greene, Esq;  
Mr. Joseph Lippit,  
William Holden, Esq;  
John Walton, Esq;



## WESTERLY;

Col. Joseph Pendleton,  
Capt. Caleb Church.



## NEWSHOREHAM;

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTON;

Col. Immanuel Northup,  
Beriab Brown, Esq;



## SOUTH-KINGSTON;

Mr. Henry Gardner,  
Mr. Rowland Robinson.



## EAST-

## PROVIDENCE;

Mr. Eliſa Brown,  
Capt. Christopher Harris,  
John Andrews, Esq;



PORTSMOUTH;

William Anthony, jun. Esq;  
John Allen, Esq;  
Mr. Thomas Brownel,  
Benjamin Ittices, Esq;



EAST-GREENWICH ;	32	Samuel Cooper, Esq;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	32	EXETER ;
Capt. Thomas Spenser.	32	Capt. William Tripp.
JAMESTOWN ;	32	MIDDLETOWN ;
Mr. Edward Carr,	32	Mr. Jonathan Easton,
Mr. Joseph Clark.	32	Capt. William Turner.
SMITHFIELD ;	32	BRISTOL ;
Thomas Lapbam, Esq;	32	Jonathan Peck, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Arnold.	32	Major Thomas Greene.
SCITUATE ;	32	TIVERTON ;
Job Randal, Esq;	32	Capt. John Manchester,
Mr. Gideon Hammond.	32	Abraham Barker, Esq;
GLOCESTER ;	32	LITTLE-COMPTON ,
Major Richard Smith,	32	Capt. John Hunt,
Mr. Benjamin Smith.	32	Mr. Joseph Peckham.
CHARLESTOWN ;	32	WARREN ;
Mr. James Congdon,	32	Mr. Peter Bicknel,
Capt. Nathanael Lewis.	32	Capt. Benjamin Barton.
WEST-GREENWICH ;	32	CUMBERLAND ;
Mr. Samuel Hopkins,	32	Job Bartlet, Esq;
Mr. William Cumstock.	32	John Dexter, Esq;
COVENTRY ;	32	RICHMOND ;
Elisha Johnson, Esq;	32	Capt. James Adams.

The Honourable THOMAS CRANSTON was chosen Speaker ;

And Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the respective Offices ascribed to their Names.

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor; Engag'd.  
 The Hon. ROBERT HASZARD, Esq. Deputy Governor; Engag'd.  
 George Wanton, Esq; first Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Jonathan Nichols, Esq; second Assistant; Engag'd.  
 John Potter, Esq; third Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Joseph Olney, Esq; fourth Assistant, who refused; and thereupon Jabez Bowen, Esq; was chosen in his Room, and Engag'd.  
 Benjamin Tucker, Esq; fifth Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Robert Lawton, Esq; sixth Assistant; Engag'd.  
 James Arnold, Esq; seventh Assistant; Engag'd.  
 William Richmond, Esq; eighth Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; ninth Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Jeffry Watson, Esq; tenth Assistant; Engag'd.  
 Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary; Engag'd.  
 Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General; Engag'd.  
 Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer; Engag'd.

Edward

*Edward Thurston*, General Sealer of Weights and Measures.

*Col. Samuel Lyndon*, jun. Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Col. Benoni Waterman*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Col. Thomas Hazard*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*, who refused; and thereupon Lieutenant Colonel *William Pendleton*, was chosen Colonel of that Regiment in his Room.

*Capt. John Hunt*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Lieut. Col. William Brown*, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Ephraim Gardner*, Esq; Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

*Major Wing Spooner*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Major Richard Smith*, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Capt. Latbam Clark* (Son of Mr. *William Clark*, deceased), Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kings County*.

*Joshua Babcock*, *Jonathan Randal*, *William Richmond*, *John Walton*, and *Benjamin Hazard*, Esqrs. Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

*Samuel Wickham*, *Edward Scott*, *Daniel Gould*, *William Anthony*, jun. and *Caleb Hill*, Esqrs. Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Newport*.

*Daniel Jencks*, *Jeremiah Lippet*, *Job Randal*, *Joseph Nichols*, and *Thomas Lapham*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Providence*.

*Stephen Hazard*, *Immanuel Northup*, *Jeremiah Niles*, *Thomas Brown*, and *Benoni Hall*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Kings County*.

*Jonathan Peck*, *Matthew Allen*, *Joseph Russel*, *James Mason*, and *James Smith*, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of *Bristol*.

*Thomas Ward*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

*Mr. Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Newport*.

*George Brown*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*.

*Mr. Benjamin Peckham*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of *Kings County*.

Mr.

Mr. *Thomas Throop*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Bristol.

*Joseph Scott*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport.

*John Mawney*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence.

Mr. *Rowland Robinson*, Sheriff of the County of Kings County.

*Nathanael Boworth*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol.

The Hon. *Gideon Wanton*, *Benjamin Nichols*, *James Sheffield*, *Daniel Updike*, *Edward Scott*, *James Arnold*, *George Brown*, and *Gideon Cornell*, Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing the Bills of Publick Credit, &c. And the aforesaid *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; is also chosen and appointed to take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Monies due and to be due thereon; and also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages; or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money: And in Case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make due Payment.

*JUSTICES of the Peace for the several Towns in the Colony.*

<i>NEWPORT</i> ;	Stephen Brayton,	Benjamin Potter.
Abraham Borden,	Benjamin Fish,	<i>East Greenwich</i> ;
Samuel Collins,	Caleb Allen,	William Spenser,
Ebenezer Richardson,	Thomas Siffon.	John Langford,
Barnabas Hargil,	<i>Warwick</i> ;	John Olin,
Jeremiah Clark,	Samuel Stafford,	Samuel Sowle,
Thomas Ward,	John Warner,	Thomas Spencer ( <i>Son</i>
Handley Chipman,	James Green ( <i>Son of</i> of John).	<i>Smilfield</i> ;
Peter Eatton,	William).	William Arnold,
Martin Howard.	<i>Westerly</i> ;	Thomas Sayles,
<i>Providence</i> ;	William Babcock,	Thomas Steer,
George Taylor,	William Hern,	William Jencks,
Henry Harris,	Benjamin Randal,	Thomas Arnold,
Christopher Harris,	Joseph Crandal,	Thomas Owens.
Edward Sheldon,	Benoni Smith,	<i>Scituate</i> ;
Zuriel Waterman,	John Larkin.	Benjamin Fisk,
Joseph Harris,	Daniel M'Koon.	John Tyler,
John Burton,	<i>North-Kingstown</i> ;	Gideon Harris,
Joseph Snow,	Edward Dyre, <i>jun.</i>	John Edwards.
Ebenezer Jencks,	Joseph Cafe,	<i>Glocester</i> ;
John Andrews,	Robert Hazzard,	Richard Steer,
Joseph Potter,	James Gardner,	John Smith,
Matthew Manchester,	John Congdon,	Andrew Brown,
Richard Waterman.	Samuel Thomas.	Abraham Tourtelott,
<i>Portsmouth</i> ;	<i>South-Kingstown</i> ;	Richard Smith.
William Sanford,	Samuel Tift, <i>jun.</i>	<i>Charles</i> .
William Hall,	John Cafe,	

<i>Charlestown</i> ;	<b>George Reynolds,</b> <b>Robert Moon.</b>	<i>Little Compton</i> ; <b>Samuel Wilbore,</b> <b>Joseph Wood,</b>
<b>John Hill,</b> <b>Benjamin Hoxsey,</b> <b>John Congdon.</b>	<i>Middletown</i> ; <b>Thomas Gould,</b> <b>Joshua Coggeshall (Son</b> <i>of Thomas),</i> <b>Joshua Coggeshall (Son</b> <i>of James).</i>	<b>Nathanael Searl,</b> <b>Jeremiah Brownel.</b>
<i>West-Greenwich</i> , <b>Jeremiah Ellis,</b> <b>Samuel Hopkins,</b> <b>William Cumstock,</b> <b>George Gardner.</b>	<i>Bristol</i> ; <b>Sheerashub Bourn,</b> <b>George Dunbar,</b> <b>Nathanael Fales,</b> <b>Nathanael Pearce,</b> <b>William Munroe,</b>	<b>Benjamin Miller,</b> <b>John Kinnicutt,</b> <b>Edward Luther,</b> <b>Peter Bicknel,</b> <b>Ebenezer Allen.</b>
<i>Coventry</i> ; <b>Elisha Johnson,</b> <b>Samuel Cooper,</b> <b>Caleb Greene,</b> <b>George Hall,</b> <b>Thomas Mathewson,</b> <b>Randal Rice.</b>	<i>Tiverton</i> ; <b>Joseph Anthony,</b> <b>Philip Tabor,</b> <b>Abraham Barker,</b> <b>Weston Hickes,</b> <b>Restcome Sanford.</b>	<i>Cumberland</i> ; <b>Job Bartlet,</b> <b>Samuel Bartlet,</b> <b>Israel Whipple,</b> <b>John Dexter.</b>
<i>Exeter</i> ; <b>Nicholas Gardner,</b> <b>Jeoffry Champlin,</b> <b>Peleg Tripp,</b>		<i>Richmond</i> ; <b>Stephen Richmond,</b> <b>Joseph Clark,</b> <b>Samuel Tift,</b> <b>Robert Lillibridge.</b>

*Capt. Walter Chaloner chosen Captain of Fort George, on Goat-Island.*

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**O**FFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia, or train'd Bands, in each Town throughout the Colony.

*N E W P O R T* ;

*First Company* : Jonathan Heath, *Captain*, James Tanner, *Lieutenant*, Christopher Lindsey, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Benjamin Sherburn, *Captain*, Kendal Nichols, jun. *Lieutenant*, John Simpion, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Daniel Dunham, jun. *Captain*, John Pitman, *Lieutenant*, Henry Bliss, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : John Belitho, *Captain*, Oliver Beere, *Lieutenant*, Richard Whitehorn, *Ensign*.

*P R O V I D E N C E* ;

*First Company* : Roger Kinnicut, *Captain*, Benjamin Eddy, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Olney (Son of Thomas), *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : John Clark, *Captain*, John Warner, *Lieutenant*, William Dyre, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : John Waterman (Son of Resolved), *Captain*, Amos Westcot, *Lieutenant*, Daniel S<sup>t</sup> ague, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : John Dexter, jun. *Captain*, Samuel Aborn, jun. *Lieutenant*, Stephen Hawkins, *Ensign*.

*Fifth Company* : Matthew Manchester, *Captain*, Jonathan Knight, jun. *Lieutenant*, Daniel Burlingame, *Ensign*.

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**P O R T S M O U T H;**

Clark Cornel, *Captain*, John Fish, *Lieutenant*, Henry Brightman, *Ensign*.

**W A R W I C K;**

*First Company*: John Green (Son of Peter), *Captain*, John Wells, *Lieutenant*, James Arnold, jun. *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Thomas Wickes (Son of Thomas), *Captain*, Thomas Remington, *Lieutenant*, John Wickes, *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Moses Budlong, *Captain*, Richard Estis, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Rice, jun. *Ensign*.

**W E S T E R L Y;**

*First Company*: Elias Thompson, *Captain*, Joseph Lewis, jun. *Lieutenant*, Elisha Clark, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Benjamin Randal, *Captain*, Jonathan Wells, *Lieutenant*, Joseph Maccoon, *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Samuel Gavet, *Captain*, Joseph Crandal (Son of Joseph), *Lieutenant*, Stephen Saunders, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company*: Thomas Folter, *Captain*, Matthew Green, *Lieutenant*, Edward Robinson, *Ensign*.

**N E W-S H O R E H A M;**

Robert Hull, *Captain*, John Dodge, *Lieutenant*, John Littlefield, *Ensign*.

**N O R T H-K I N G S T O N;**

*First Company*: Jonathan Allen, *Captain*, Arthur Ayliworth, *Lieutenant*, Philip Card, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Samuel Albro, *Captain*, Samuel Browning, jun. *Lieutenant*, Eber Shearman, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Samuel Thomas, *Captain*, Benedict Eldred, *Lieutenant*, Ebenezer Brown, *Ensign*.

**S O U T H-K I N G S T O N;**

*First Company*: Thomas Browning, *Captain*, John Steadman, *Lieutenant*, William Congdon (Son of Joseph), *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Jirah Mumford, *Captain*, Nathan Tift, *Lieutenant*, Samuel Babcock, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Paul Woodbridge, *Captain*, Henry Gardner (the third), *Lieutenant*, Mitchel Case, *Ensign*.

**E A S T-G R E E N W I C H;**

*First Company*: Joseph Stafford, *Captain*, Abiel Hall, *Lieutenant*, Rufus Spencer, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Richard Weaver, *Captain*, Benjamin Corey, *Lieutenant*, John Gifford, *Ensign*.

**Y A M E S T O W N;**

Samuel Slocum, *Captain*, George Franklin, *Lieutenant*, Benjamin Carr (Son of Edward, deceas'd), *Ensign*.

**S M I T H.**

## S M I T H F I E L D;

*First Company*: John Angel, *Captain*, William Brown, *Lieutenant*, Daniel Wilbore, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Daniel Arnold, *Captain*, Stephen Sly, *Lieutenant*, Jeremiah Cumstock, *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Resolved Waterman, *Captain*, Enoch Barnes, *Lieutenant*, Abraham Windtor, *Ensign*.

## S C I T U A T E;

*First Company*: Amos Hammond, *Captain*, John Fisk, *Lieutenant*, Christopher Relph, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Samuel Dorrence, *Captain*, George Dorrence, jun. *Lieutenant*, William Tyler, *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: John Hulet, *Captain*, Joseph Wilkinson, *Lieutenant*, Ezekiel Hopkins, jun. *Ensign*.

## G L O C E S T E R;

*First Company*: Timothy Wilmoth, *Captain*, Silas Williams, *Lieutenant*, James Cowen, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Ezekiel Smith, *Captain*, Elias Smith, *Lieutenant*, John Ross, *Ensign*.

## C H A R L E S T O W N;

Peleg Cross, *Captain*, Enoch Kinyon, jun. *Lieutenant*, Samuel Stanton, *Ensign*.

## W E S T - G R E E N W I C H;

*First Company*: Ezekiel Whitford, *Captain*, Daniel Hill, jun. *Lieutenant*, John Albro, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: John Weight, *Captain*, Joseph Nichols, *Lieutenant*, Griffen Sweet, *Ensign*.

## C O V E N T R Y;

*First Company*: John Allerton, jun. *Captain*, Stephen Colvin, *Lieutenant*, William Nichols, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Benjamin Nichols, *Captain*, Alexander Dixson, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Nichols, *Ensign*.

## E X E T E R;

*First Company*: Samuel Gardner, *Captain*, Benjamin Lawton, *Lieutenant*, John Casey, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Peleg Thomas, *Captain*, John Rathburn (*the bird*), *Lieutenant*, Stephen Austin, *Ensign*.

## M I D D L E T O W N;

John Barker, *Captain*, Benjamin Smith, *Lieutenant*, Nicholas Brown, *Ensign*.

## B R I S T O L;

Nathanael Pearce, *Captain*, Bennet Munro, *Lieutenant*, John Throop, jun. *Ensign*.

## T I V E R T O N;

*First Company*: William Manchester (Son of John), *Captain*, Joseph Crandal, *Lieutenant*, Cornelius Soule, *Ensign*.

*Second*

*Second Company* : William Cook, *Captain*, John Thomas, *Lieutenant*, Oliver Cook, *Ensign*.

*LITTLE-COMPTON* ;

Edward Irish, *Captain*, Benjamin Simmonds, *Lieutenant*, Jonathan Records, *Ensign*.

*WAVERLY* ;

John Adams, *Captain*, Solomon Peck, *Lieutenant*, John Estabrook, *Ensign*.

*CUMBERLAND* ;

Gideon Tower, *Captain*, John Nicholson, *Lieutenant*, David Raze, *Ensign*.

*RICHMOND* ;

Joseph Enos, jun. *Captain*, James James, *Lieutenant*, Thomas Rogers, *Ensign*.

*NEWPORT Troop of Horse* ;

Sylvester Woodman, *Captain*, Richard Greenhill, *Lieutenant*. Samuel Bayley (of Little-Compton), *Cornet*.

**I**t is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Commission Officers for the Troop of Horse in the County of Providence, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*. That the Choice of Committees of the several Towns, for the Management of the Colony's Money let or to be let on Loan, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

Whereas *Anne and James Franklin*, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session held in South-Kingston the last Tuesday of February last, and for Paper by them furnished for that Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed, and Thirty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, paid unto the said *Anne and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen appointed by the Assembly, at their Session in February last, to settle the Account of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; with the Colony, &c. made the following Report :

*' To the Honourable General Assembly :*

**W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, at their last Sessions, to settle the Account of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; with the Colony, and to receive of D " him

“ him what Tenth Money he has in his Hands, and to burn the same,  
 “ **R E P O R T**, That we have not yet received his Account, nor any of  
 “ the Tenth Money in his Hands.

*Newport, May 4. 1750.*

“ Peter Bours,  
 “ Simon Peafe,  
 “ Thomas Cranston,  
 “ George Wanton,  
 “ James Sheffield”

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted: *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be farther continued for the Ends and Purposes above-mentioned, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Proceedings respecting the turning the Course of Paucatuck River, be stayed until the next Session of this Assembly.

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*An ACT providing in Case of Fire breaking out in the Town of Newport, and for the more speedy extinguishing thereof; and for preferring of Goods endangered thereby.*

**W**H E R E A S by Reason of the Contiguity and Adjoining of the Houses and Dwellings within the Town of *Newport*, Persons are under great Surprise and Hurry upon the breaking out of Fire; and not only the Persons in whose House the Fire first breaks out, but the Neighbourhood are concerned to employ their utmost Diligence and Application to extinguish the Fire, and prevent the Progress thereof, and preserve their Substance, by the Removal of their Goods, being glad of the Assistance of others in that Regard: And divers evil minded and wicked Persons, on Pretence of charitably offering their Help, taking the Advantage of such Confusion and Calamities, to rob, plunder, and inbezal, carry away, and conceal the Goods and Effects of their distressed Neighbours.

For Preventing whereof,

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That when any Fire shall happen to break out in the Town of *Newport*, the Governor or Deputy Governor, and the Assistants for the Time being, or any Two of them, shall or may, and are hereby impowered to give Directions for the pulling down or blowing up any such House or Houses as shall be by them adjudged meet to be pulled down or blown up, for the stopping and preventing the farther spreading of the same: And if it shall happen that the pulling down or blowing up any such House or Houses by the Directions aforesaid, shall be the Occasion of stopping the said Fire, or that the Fire stop before it comes to the same, that then all and every

every Owner of such House or Houses, shall receive reasonable Satisfaction, and be paid for the same by the rest of the Inhabitants of said Town, whose Houses shall not be burnt, who are hereby impowered to make such Rate or Rates for the Raising and Levying such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be by them thought convenient for that End. *Provided always,* That if the Houses where the Fire shall first begin and break out, shall be adjudged fit to be pulled down or blown up, to hinder the further Spreading and Increase of the same, that then the Owner of such House shall receive no Manner of Satisfaction for the same: Any Thing in this Act contain'd, notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Town of Newport, from time to time, to appoint such Number of prudent Persons, of known Fidelity, in the several Parts of the Town, as they may think fit, who shall be denominated and called Firewards, and have a proper Badge assigned, to distinguish them in their Office, *viz.* a Speaking-Trumpet coloured red, and at Times of the breaking forth of Fire, and during the Continuance thereof, shall and hereby are fully authorized and impowered to command and require Assistance for the extinguishing and putting out the Fire, and for removing Household Stuffs and Furniture, Goods and Merchandizes, out of any Dwelling Houses, Store Houses, or other Buildings, actually on Fire, or in Danger thereof, and Guards to secure and take Care of the same: as also to require Assistance for the pulling down or blowing up any Houses, or Service relating thereto, by the Direction of the Governor or Deputy Governor, and Assistants, or any two of them, to stop and prevent the farther spreading of the Fire, and to suppress all Tumults and Disorders. And the Officers from time to time appointed as aforesaid, are required upon the Notice of Fire breaking forth, taking their Badge with them, immediately to repair to the Place, and vigorously exert their Authority for requiring of Assistance, and using utmost Endeavours to extinguish or prevent the spreading of the Fire, and to preserve and secure the Estates of the Inhabitants, and due Obedience is required to be yielded to them, and each of them accordingly, for that Service: and all Dilobedience, Neglect, or Refusal in any Person, shall be inform'd of to some of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of said Town, within two Days next after, and the Offenders therein, upon Conviction thereof before any two Justices of the Peace, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds each, to be levied and distributed at the Discretion of the Town Council of said Town of Newport, among the Poor most distressed by the Fire: And in Case the Offender or Offenders are unable to satisfy the Fine, then to suffer ten Days Imprisonment.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any evil minded, wicked Persons shall take Advantage of such Calamity, to rob, plunder, purloin, embezil, convey away, or conceal any Goods, Merchandise, or Effects of the distressed Inhabitants, whose Houses are on Fire,

Fire, or endangered thereby, and put upon removing their Goods, and shall not restore and give Notice thereof to the Owner or Owners, if known, or bring them into such publick Place as shall be appointed and assigned by the Governor or Deputy Governor, and Assistants, or any one of them, within the space of two Days next after Proclamation made for that Purpose, the Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof so convicted, shall be deemed Thieves, and suffer the utmost Severities of the Pains and Penalties by Law provided against such.

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*An ACT for appointing Commissioners, &c. to run and settle the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, according to Charter.*

**W**HEREAS the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony hath never yet been settled according to the Royal Charter: And whereas divers Persons have made Application to this Assembly, and have set forth their just Right to be under the Jurisdiction of this Government, as dwelling within the Bounds thereof; and that the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* have, and do unjustly exercise Jurisdiction over them: In order therefore to have the said Line rightly run and settled, and to prevent any further Disputes thereupon between the said Province and this Colony,

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That as soon as may be, the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony shall be run and settled according to the Royal Charter granted by King Charles the Second, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-three.

*Be it also Enacted*, That to the End the same may be perfected and compleated, *Jonathan Randal*, *Richard Steere*, and *Thomas Lapbam*, Esqrs. and Capt. *Joseph Harrison*, and Mr. *Matthew Robinson*, are hereby appointed Commissioners, and they, or the major Part of them, are fully authorized and impowered to run and settle said Line according to the Royal Charter aforesaid, as near as may be: And that they the said Commissioners, be commissionated by his Honour the Governor: And that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are fully authorized and impowered to appoint Times and Places when and where to meet any Commissioners that are or shall be appointed on the Part of said Province. And the said *Jonathan Randal*, *Richard Steere*, *Thomas Lapbam*, *Joseph Harrison*, and *Matthew Robinson*, or the major Part of them, are hereby fully authorized and impowered to appoint a Surveyor or Surveyors, and Chainmen, and in general to act and do all and every other Matter and Thing whatever, for or concerning the aforesaid Settlement of said Line. And that in Case no Commissioners on the Part of said Province, shall and do on the first

Tuesday

Tuesday in October next, or at any other Time as shall be agreed on, meet the said Commissioners for this Colony, and agree to run and settle said Line as aforesaid, then and in that Case, the said Commissioners, on the Part of this Colony, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby required to proceed to the running and settling said Line *ex Parte*.

*Be it also Enacted*, That the Secretary of this Colony send a Copy of this Act to the Secretary of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, withal desiring that the said Province would suspend all Assessments upon the People and Inhabitants included within this Colony, by the Line already run by Jonathan Randal, Thomas Larkin, and Richard Steere, Esqrs. as by their Return made in January, 1749, as was directed from Home to the said Province, relating to the Eastern Boundary of this Colony.

*Be it also Enacted*, That a Plat of the Land contain'd within said Line to be run as aforesaid, be drawn up; and that the said Commissioners on the Part of this Colony, or the major Part of them, do make Report to the General Assembly, of their Doings in the Premises, and present said Plat at the same Time: Any Laws, Orders, Customs, Agreement or Agreements, or any other Matter or Thing heretofore done or made, to the contrary hereof in anywise, notwithstanding.

**T**HE Committee heretofore appointed to exchange Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings, Money of the Colony's in their Hands, made Report, and subjoined an Account thereto, as follows:

" *Newport March 26. 1750.*

" **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly  
" a Committee to exchange Three Thousand Two Hundred  
" and Ninety-eight Pounds and Seventeen Shillings, Tenth Money  
" in our Hands, of Bills emitted by the Governments of New-Hamp-  
" shire and Connecticut, for Bills emitted by this Colony, and to burn  
" the same, REPORT, That we have receiv'd of Peter Bours, Esq;  
" Eleven Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six  
" Pence; of Simon Pease, Esq; One Thousand and Thirty-five Pounds  
" and Sixteen Shillings; and of Mr. James Sheffield, One Thousand  
" and Sixty-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence, making in  
" the whole, the above Sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and  
" Ninety-eight Pounds and Seventeen Shillings, in Bills of Credit  
" emitted by this Colony; all which we have burnt, as Witswells our  
" Hands.

" *Peter Bours,*  
" *Simon Pease,*  
" *James Sheffield.*"

" *The Colony to the Committee.*

" **T**O Exchanging the above Sum, £. 15 each, £. 45 0 0  
" " *Peter Bours,*  
" " *Simon Pease,*  
" " *James Sheffield.*"

And now this Assembly taking the said Report and Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be, and the same is accepted; and that their Account, amounting to Forty-five Pounds, be allowed and paid them out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee appointed at the last Session of Assembly, to receive of the Gentlemen (who were formerly appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended against Canada), their Accounts with the Colony, and to adjust the same, and receive the Ballance, be still continued for that Purpose; and that they, or the major Part of them, receive of the above-mentioned Gentlemen, their said Accounts with the Colony, and adjust the same, and receive the Ballance due from them.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby desired to write as soon as may be, unto the Government of Connecticut, and request their Assistance in settling the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, and send with his Letter a Copy of the Act past by this Assembly at their present Session, for appointing Commissioners to run and settle said Boundary Line.

Whereas *Humphrey Avery, of Preston, in the County of New-London, and Colony of Connecticut, represented unto this Assembly, that about the middle of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, his Dwelling House was burnt in the Night, and almost every Thing therein consumed, several of the Family very narrowly escaping with their Lives, being very much burnt; and that he had at that Time consumed by the Fire in his said House, the Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings in Bills of Publick Credit issued by this Colony, of the Old Tenor, or of the New Tenor equivalent thereto; whereupon he prayed the above-mentioned Sum might be paid him out of the Grand Committee's Office:* Which sufficiently appearing by the Oath of the said *Humphrey Avery, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That *Benjamin Nichols, Esq. one of the Grand Committee, pay unto the said Humphrey, the above-mentioned Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, out of the Money in his Hands paid in for Tenthys, and charge the Government therewith.*

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary publish by Beat of Drum in *Newport,* within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the second Monday in *June* next. *And it is further Voted and Resolved,* That all Executions which were stayed until this Session of Assembly, be, and they are hereby further stayed until the next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

Newport, May 7. 1750.

*Published according to Order. by*

THOMAS WARD, *Secret.*





# CONSTITUTION

*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; began and held at Newport by Adjournment, on the second Monday in June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty; and in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *ROBERT HASZARD*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

<i>GEORGE WANTON, Esq;</i> <i>JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;</i> <i>JOHN POTTER, Esq;</i> <i>JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;</i> <i>BENJAMIN TUCKER, Esq;</i>	<i>ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;</i> <i>JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;</i> <i>WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;</i> <i>DANIEL COGGESEHAL, Esq;</i> <i>JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;</i>
<i>Aff.</i>	

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Honourable *THOMAS CRANSTON*, Speaker.

<b>NEWPORT;</b> <i>Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,</i> <i>Mr. Joseph Whipple,</i> <i>The Speaker,</i> <i>Mr. John Tillinghast,</i> <i>Mr. Nicholas Easton,</i> <i>Capt. Job Bennet.</i>	<i>Capt. Christopher Harris,</i> <i>John Andrews, Esq;</i> <i>PORTSMOUTH;</i> <i>William Anthony, jun. Esq;</i> <i>John Allen, Esq;</i> <i>Mr. Thomas Brownel,</i> <i>Benjamin Hickes, Esq;</i> <i>WARWICK;</i> <i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i> <i>Mr. Joseph Lippit,</i> <i>John Walton, Esq;</i>
<b>PROVIDENCE;</b> <i>Jonathan Randal, Esq;</i> <i>Mr. Elisha Brown,</i>	

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WESTERLY ;  
 Col. *Joseph Pendleton*,  
 Capt. *Caleb Church*.  
 NEW-SHOREHAM ;  
 None.  
 NORTH-KINGSTON ;  
 Col. *Immanuel Norikup*,  
 Beriah Brown, Esq;  
 SOUTH-KINOSTON ;  
 Mr. *Henry Gardner*,  
 Rowland Robinson Esq;  
 EAST-GREENWICH ;  
 Joseph Nichols, Esq;  
 Capt. *Thomas Spenser*.  
 JAMESTOWN ;  
 Mr. *Edward Carr*,  
 Mr. *Joseph Clark*.  
 SMITHFIELD ;  
 Thomas Lapham, Esq;  
 Thomas Arnold, Esq;  
 SCITUATE ;  
 Job Randal, Esq;  
 Mr. *Gideon Hammond*.  
 GLOUCESTER ;  
 Major *Richard Smith*,  
 Mr. *Benjamin Smith*.  
 CHARLESTOWN ;  
 Mr. *James Congdon*.

Capt. *Nathanael Lewis*.  
 WEST-GREENWICH ;  
 Mr. *Samuel Hopkins*,  
 Mr. *William Cumstock*.  
 COVENTRY ;  
 Elisha Johnson, Esq;  
 Samuel Cooper, Esq;  
 EXETER ;  
 Mr. *Benoni Gardner*,  
 Capt. *William Tripp*.  
 MIDDLETOWN ;  
 Mr. *Jonathan Easton*,  
 Capt. *William Turner*.  
 BRISTOL ;  
 Jonathan Peck, Esq;  
 Major *Thomas Greene*.  
 TIVERTON ;  
 Capt. *John Manchester*,  
 Abraham Barker, Esq;  
 LITTLE-COMPTON ;  
 Lieut. Col. *John Hunt*.  
 WARREN ;  
 Mr. *Peter Bicknel*,  
 Capt. *Benjamin Barton*.  
 CUMBERLAND ;  
 John Dexter, Esq;  
 RICHMOND ;  
 Mr. *Samuel Tift*.

M. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

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*An ACT to prevent Delays in the several Courts of Trials  
in this Colony.*

WHEREAS there is a general Delay of Business, and much  
Incertainty to the Parties attending the several Courts of Trials,  
as well as much Time of the Court needlessly taken up, through the  
Omission of the Entries of the several Actions brought to said Court  
in the beginning of the Term.

For Remedy whereof for the Future,  
 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and it  
 is hereby Enacted, That every Person or Persons bringing any  
 Action or Suit, either in its first Commencement, or by Appeal,  
 Review, or in any other Form, that the same shall be entered on the  
 first or second Day of said Term, on the Penalty of being discontinued;  
 and all Complaints to the respective Courts of Trials, shall be filed  
 during the sitting of said Court : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to  
 the contrary, in anywise, notwithstanding.

Whereas

Whereas sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town of Exeter, represented unto this Assembly, that an Highway was laid out in said Town by a Jury, across the Lands of *George Reynolds, John Reynolds, Benjamin Mowry*, and others, to the great Damage of the said *George Reynolds, John Reynolds, and Benjamin Mowry*; who thereupon made Application to the aforesaid Town of Exeter, in one of their Town Meetings, to have the said Highway altered from the Place where it was laid, about a Quarter of a Mile farther Westward, which continues to be upon the Lands of the said *George Reynolds, John Reynolds, and Benjamin Mowry*; and the Town considering it would be greatly to the Advantage of the said Applicants, and no Disadvantage to the Town or Country, appointed a Committee to exchange said Way; and accordingly the said Committee exchanged the same, and made Report thereof to the said Town, which was accepted, and they have done a great deal of Labour on the said new Highway, in order to make it fit for the Country to pass and repass therein: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to confirm and establish the Exchange of the Highway made as aforesaid; who taking the same into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Exchange of the Highway made as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby established according to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Whereas Capt. *Job Bennet* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Work and Materials done and provided for repairing his Majesty's Goal in the Town of *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Job Bennet* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Directors of the Lottery lately allowed by Act of Assembly, for raising a Sum of Money to build a Bridge over *Patuxet* River, have represented unto this Assembly, that the Time affixed for drawing said Lottery, is too short for filling up the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for drawing said Lottery be, and it is hereby lengthen'd out to the third Monday in *July* next.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Thomas Cranston, Peter Bourne, John Tillinghast, and James Sheffield* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the General Treasurer's Accounts, the Account of Col. *John Gardner* with the Colony, and also the Accounts of the Committee that was appointed to build the Light-House, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

*An ACT relating to the taking Bail in Civil Actions.*

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority therof, It is Enacted, That the Statute of Westminster the first, introduced into this Colony by an Act of Assembly made at South-Kingston, in and for said Colony, on the last Tuesday of February, A. D. 1749, be not construed so as to alter or disannul the Method and Practice of taking Bail in Civil Actions, by the Person's indorsing his Name as Bail, on the Back of the Plaintiff's Writ, who becomes Bail; but that said Method of taking Bail by Endorsement as aforesaid, be held as good and valid in all Courts in Civil Actions pending, or hereafter brought, as if Bond was given under Hand and Seal, for the Obliging such Person so becoming Bail by Endorsement as aforesaid, to pay the Debt and Cost obtained against the Principal, as his been the Usage and Practice of Courts heretofore, in such Case.

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*An ACT for Explaining, Altering, and Amending an ACT made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session in Newport, on the second Monday of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine, entitled, An ACT for the Establishing and Regulating of Fees.*

**W**HEREAS sundry Disputes have arose concerning the true Intent and Meaning of several Parts of the aforesaid ACT: For the settling whereof, *This Assembly do Vote, Resolve, and Declare, and it is hereby Voted, Resolved, and Declared, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of the aforesaid ACT, that the Article of One Shilling and Four Pence, allowed to the Clerks of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, for every Return to Court, is for the Return of Executions only; and that the travelling Fees of the Sheriffs for serving Writs and Summons, and the Fees of the Town Serjeants and Constables, for serving Warrants and Summons, is no more than Six Pence per Mile out and Six Pence per Mile Home again.*

*And this Assembly do also Vote, Resolve, and Declare, That those Parts of said ACT allowing the Fee of Eight Shillings per Day for Attendance, and Twelve Pence per Mile for the Travel of every Evidence summoned to attend on the several Courts, and Eight Pence per Mile for the Travel of every Witness summoned to attend said Courts, be, and the same are hereby repealed; and that for the future every Witness summoned to attend any of the Courts of Trials in this Colony, be allowed Eight Shillings per Day for Attendance, and One Shilling per Mile for travelling to the Court, and One Shilling per Mile Home again.*

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*It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Elisha Brown of Providence, receive of the Colonel of the Regiment of the County of Providence, what Powder is in his Hands belonging to the Colony, or in the Hands of any other Person in said County: And that Col. Immanuel Northup*

*Northup* receive of the Colonel of the Regiment in *Kings County*, what Powder is in his Hands belonging to the Colony, or in the Hands of any other Person in said County: And that they sell the same to the best Advantage, and lodge the Money in the General Treasury; and that said Persons respectively enquire where the Balls are lodged in said Counties, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly an Account charged against the Colony, for printing fifty Lists of Persons who have neglected to give Bonds in the several Banks, and providing Paper therefor; and also for printing thirteen different Advertisements for the Colony's Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed, and that the Sum of Forty-seven Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT incorporating the Towns of East-Greenwich, Warwick, West-Greenwich, and Coventry, in this Colony, now in the County of Providence, into a County, by the Name of the County of Kent.*

**W**HEREAS the Number of Inhabitants in the said County of *Providence*, are much increased, and the Bounds thereof are so extensive, that the Inhabitants in the distant Parts therof, are put to great Charge and Trouble in prosecuting their Affairs at the Town of *Providence*, where the said Courts in said County are established to do the Business thereof.

**B**E IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly, *of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That for the future, the Towns of *East-Greenwich, Warwick, West-Greenwich, and Coventry*, at present in the County of *Providence*, shall be divided off from said County of *Providence*, and shall be a distinct and separate County, by the Name of the County of *Kent*; and that *East-Greenwich* shall be the County Town.

*Be it also Enacted*, That within the said County, there shall be held and kept at the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, in and for said County, one Session of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, on the third Tuesday in *October*, once in every Year.

*Be it also Enacted*, That for the future there shall be held and kept in said County of *Kent*, one Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and one Court of General Sessions of the Peace; which said Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, shall have two Sessions at the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, in and for said County of *Kent*, yearly, and every Year; one on the second Tuesday of *July*, and the

the other on the second Tuesday of *January* : And that there shall be five Judges or Justices of said Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, chosen every Year, to wit, one Chief Judge, and four other Judges, by the General Assembly of this Colony, in the same Manner, and at the same Time, that the other Judges of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, are chosen in and for the other Counties in this Colony. And that the said Judges of said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, shall be commissioned by his Honour the Governor of this Colony, in like Manner as the Judges of said Courts in the other Counties in this Colony, are commissioned : And that the Justices of the Peace in said County, shall, and are hereby authorized and impowered to attend upon and compose the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace in said County of *Kent*, in like Manner as the Justices of the Peace in the other Counties in this Colony do : And that the said Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in said County of *Kent*, are hereby invested and cloathed with the like Powers and Authority in all Respects, as the said Courts are in the other Counties in this Colony, by the Acts of this Colony heretofore made, without any Exception or Limitation.

*Be it also Enacted*, That there shall be one Clerk of said Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and one Sheriff of said County, who shall be chosen as the Clerks and Sheriffs of the other Counties in this Colony are, who are hereby impowered to act and do in all Respects, in said County of *Kent*, as the Clerks and Sheriffs of the other Counties in this Colony do.

*Be it also Enacted*, That there shall be one Seal, with the Device of a Dove on it, for said Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for said County of *Kent*, to be used upon all proper Occasions, as is by Law required, or made proper or necessary ; and that the Clerks of said Courts for the Time being, shall have the Custody thereof.

*Be it also Enacted*, That the said Courts, as to the Number of Members to make a Quorum in their respective Sessions, and in Relation to all other Matters within the Power and Jurisdiction of said Courts, shall be subject to all the Laws of this Colony now in Force, and the Laws of *England* in every Respect, as fully and effectually, to all Intentions and Purposes, as the other Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, are in the other Counties in this Colony : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

*Provided*, That a Court House of the Dimensions, or near the Dimensions of the Court House in *Providence*, be built in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, by a free Contribution of the Inhabitants of the said County of *Kent* : And that if the same be not so far finished as to be fit

to hold Courts in, by the last Day of October next, then the present Act is to determine, be null, void, and of none Effect: But if said House be so far finished as aforesaid, that the Judges and other Officers of said Court be chosen at next October Sessions of Assembly, to hold a Court in January next.

**I**t is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; and Col. Emmanuel Northup, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to lease out the Colony's two Ferry-Lands, Houses, Boats, and all other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, on the West Side of Jamestown, to two different Persons from Year to Year, by written Leases; and to take sufficient Bonds for the Performance of the Leases.

Whereas Richard Thornton, of Providence, in the County of Providence, represented unto this Assembly, that there are several Bonds in the several Offices, by him made to the Colony, which would be taken up, and others given in Lieu of them, by Capt. Jonathan Olney, were there not a Mistake in the Sums, the original Bonds being for a larger Sum than they ought to have been; and thereupon the said Richard prayed that a Committee might be appointed to inquire into the Premises, &c. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That upon a good Mortgage Deed's being made and well executed, of the Land sold by the aforesaid Richard Thornton to Capt. Jonathan Olney, or any other Lands equal in Value thereunto, by the true Owner thereof, for securing to the Colony the Sum mentioned in the Mortgage-Deed made by said Thornton, of the Land, together with a Set of Tenth Bonds well executed by some substantial Person inhabiting in this Colony, and the same being delivered to Benjamin Nichols, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, he the said Benjamin Nichols, is hereby directed to deliver up the Mortgage-Deed and Tenth Bonds given by the said Thornton: And upon a Set of Bonds being given to the General Treasurer, for the Interest of the said Sum mentioned in said Mortgage Deed, the General Treasurer is hereby directed to deliver up the Bonds given by said Thornton.

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*An ACT for the Affesting of Persons who are not the proper Inhabitants of any Town in this Colony, that shall sell or dispose of any Goods or Merchandise within the same*

**W**HEREAS there has been of late, sundry Persons who are Inhabitants of other Towns and Governments, from time to time transporting of Goods and Merchandise into many Towns in this Government, who shelter themselves from the Law made against Hawkers and Pedlars, by hiring a Shop or Room of some of the Inhabitants thereof, to vend their Goods in, by their Agents, who continue to sell and dispose as aforesaid; whose Continuance may be for a short Time, and they reap considerable Profit and Advantage thereby, and are protected by the Laws aforesaid.

And Forasmuch as such Persons ought to contribute to the Support of such Town where such Goods are vended and sold, and for the Defraying the contingent Charges arising within the same,

*BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Assessors of any Town in this Colony, after Notice being given them by two or more Freeholders, to meet together, and inquire into the Quantity of European Goods and Merchandise so vended and sold, and assess the Venders thereof accordingly, if Strangers, at their Discretion, according to the Largeness of their Trade, for the Use of such Town where such Goods and Merchandise were vended and sold: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Assessors aforesaid, should fail in their Duty, after Notice given them as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a Fine not exceeding Fifty Pounds, at the Discretion of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the same County, being thereof convicted before the said Court, at the Suit or Complaint of the Treasurer of said Town where the Goods are sold, or any other Person in the Treasurer's Behalf, to prosecute the Suit: And such Assessor or Assessors shall be discharged by said Court from their Office; and such Town shall be called by Warrant forthwith by the Clerk, to meet together to choose one or more in their Room.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person is assessed as aforesaid, one or more Assessors shall demand such Assessment, and upon Refusal of Payment, any one of said Assessors shall and may grant forth a Warrant, directed to the Serjeant of the Town, or any one Constable, empowering him to take the Goods of such Person so assessed, if to be found, and expose them to publick Sale, and dispose of the Money according to the Law in such Case made; and if no Estate can be found, to take the Body of such Person assessed, and him to commit to Goal until he pay the Money assessed: And that this Act be published in three Days after the Rising of this Assembly.*

**W**HEREAS *Richard Thornton, of Providence, in the County of Providence, represented unto this Assembly, that there are several Bonds against him for Money due to the Colony; for Part whereof he hath been already, and for the Remainder is liable to be sued, and if sued he must inevitably be committed to Goal, he being at present in poor Circumstances, and altogether unable to pay them; and thereupon prayed that all Process against him may be stayed for the present: And this Assembly having considered the Premises, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That all Executions on the Colony's Behalf, against the said Richard Thornton, be stayed, and that no more Actions be brought against him on Behalf of the Colony, 'till farther Orders from the General Assembly.*

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds to his Honour the Governor, and Fifty Pounds to his Honour the late Deputy Governor *William Ellery*, Esq; for their last Year's Salary, and extraordinary Service.

Whereas *Nathan Tanner* presented to this Assembly a Mortgage-Deed by him executed and delivered to the Colony's Trustees, for a Piece of Land in *South Kingston*, which was intended to secure to the Colony the Sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Four Shillings; but by Mistake there was entered in said Mortgage-Deed, the Sum of One Hundred and Forty-four Pounds and Four Shillings, which Deed is entered upon Record: And as said *Tanner* hath since made another Mortgage Deed of said Lands, in which the true Sum is inserted, and delivered the same to the Town Clerk to be recorded, he prayed the first mentioned Deed should be discharged: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved,* That the Town Clerk of *South-Kingstown* be, and he is hereby directed to discharge the first-mentioned Mortgage, by entering the same in the Margin of the Records where said Mortgage-Deed is recorded.

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer of the Colony, represented unto this Assembly, that the Salary now allowed him, is not equal to the Dignity of the Office, and the Service he does; in Support whereof, he assigned many Reasons, and thereupon prayed, that as former Assemblies have heretofore granted reasonable Rewards to the Treasurer, as well as to other Persons, for extraordinary Services, he might have a farther Allowance for his last Year's Service; and that the Treasurer's Salary be augmented for the future: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said *Thomas Richardson* pay himself out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for his extraordinary Service, since he hath been General Treasurer, over and above his Yearly Salary.

Whereas *John Rice*, of *Warwick*, in the County of *Providence*, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, that at the last Superior Court of Judicature, held at *Providence*, in and for the County of *Providence*, on the second Tuesday of September, A.D. 1749, he had depending with *John Pearce* and *Thomas Pearce*, both of *East-Greenwich*, in the said County of *Providence*, Yeomen, an Action of Partition for the dividing a Tract of Land in said *East-Greenwich*, of which he the said *John Rice* demanded a Twenty-fifth Part, as Tenant in Common with the other Proprietors of said *East-Greenwich*, there never having been any regular Partition made thereof: At which Court said Cause was continued, as it had been for sundry Courts before, by Reason a sufficient Number of Judges to hear and try said Cause, would not act, on Account of their not being disinterested in the Event of said Suit: And that he the said *John Rice* still labours under the same Disadvantage; for

for that *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; refused to act last Court, by Reason he was interrelated in a Case of the same Nature, in *Kings County* : *Benjamin Hazard*, Esq; refused to act, by Reason of his being nearly related by Blood to several of the Proprietors of said *East-Greenwich* : And *John Walton*, Esq; refused to act, for that he had been an Attorney employed in the Case originally : And thereupon the said *John Rice* prayed this Assembly to appoint three disinterested Persons in the Room of the aforesaid three Judges, to compleat said Court, to hear and determine said Case : And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Phillips*, Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, and *Joseph Russel*, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed special Judges of the Court aforesaid, with full Power to hear and determine said Case, in the Room of the aforesaid *Joshua Babcock*, *Benjamin Hazard*, and *John Walton*, Esqrs.

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Treasurer of the Grand Committee, represented unto this Assembly, that whereas in *May 1747*, he was put to great Trouble in receiving the Sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, which was by a Committee of the General Assembly's Appointment, lodged in his Office by Order of Assembly : That Money he exchanged with the Inhabitants of this and the neighbouring Governments ; as also about Twenty Thousand Pounds more of the Colony's Money, to a multitude of Persons ; the doing whereof, and his necessary Attendance on the other Branches of his Duty in the aforesaid Office, took up the greatest Part of his Time ever since the said Month of *May, 1747*, and hath almost prevented his applying himself to any Part of his private Business : Moreover, it occasioned great Trouble to him in his House and Family ; for all which extraordinary Services, he has not been allowed any Thing by the Government, &c. Whereupon the said *Benjamin Nichols* prayed the Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him such a Reward as they should think proper. And this Assembly having so done, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be allowed and paid unto the said *Benjamin Nichols*, out of the General Treasury, in Consideration of his extraordinary Services, over and above the yearly Salary allowed him by Law.

Whereas *James Reynolds*, now a Prisoner in his Majesty's Goal in *Providence*, and *Alice* his Wife, have, by Petition, informed this Assembly, that the said *James* having according to a Sentence of Court against him, suffered a Year's Imprisonment, whereby the Petitioners, and their poor Children, are almost reduced to a Starving Condition : And whereas the said *James Reynolds* is by the same Sentence, ordered to pay a Fine of Fifty Pounds before he shall be discharged from Goal, which he is in no wise able to do, by Reason of his long Imprisonment : And thereupon the Petitioners prayed the Fine aforesaid may be remitted. And now this Assembly taking into Consideration the distressed Condition of the Petitioner, *James Reynolds's Wife*, and their Children,

*Children, Do Vote and Rejolve, and it is hereby Voted and Rejolved, That when his Year's Imprisonment shall be terminated, the Sheriff of the County of Providence shall, and he is hereby ordered and directed to take the said James Reynolds's Bond for the aforesaid Fine of Fifty Pounds, and upon his giving said Bond, payable to the General Treasurer in one Year, and paying Cost, that the said James shall be let out of Goal.*

*Whereas Col. Joseph Pendleton, of Westerly, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that sometime in the Month of August last, he had a Brigantine loaden with Rum, Molasses, &c. which was a new Vessel, and sailed from Anguilla, bound Home, the Property whereof was entirely his own, and of the Value of Eighteen or Twenty Thousand Pounds: That the said Brigantine and Cargo were not insured, and have not been heard of since, and so is supposed to be lost; by which heavy Stroke of Providence, he is rendered unable to pay his just Debts at present, without selling some Part of his real Estate. And whereas the Petitioner owns a Farm in said Westerly, adjoining to Paucatuck River, near the Mouth thereof; Part whereof it is thought might not only be convenient, but also tend to a publick Advantage, if settled with a Town; it being bounded Westerly, on the navigable Part of said River, where there is plenty of Oysters and other Fish to be taken at all Times in the Year, and plenty of Stone and Brick, with good Timber, suitable for building Vessels and Houses, near to be had, very plenty; with Saw-Mills on said River, for the sawing Plank, &c. with many other valuable Conveniences: Whereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery of about Twenty Six Thousand Pounds; in which Lottery he the Petitioner will put to Sale One Hundred and Twenty-four Lots of Land (with two dwelling Houses theron), part of the aforesaid Farm, adjoining to the aforesaid River, none less than a Quarter of an Acre, and some half Acres, at a certain Value put on them by two judicious and disinterested Men, namely, Capt. Isaac Sheffield, and Capt. Elias Thompson. The Sale of which Lots will enable the Petitioner to pay his just Debts, &c. On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Rejolve, and it is hereby Voted and Rejolved, That a Lottery be set up according to a Plan drawn by William Babcock, Surveyor, and a Scheme signed by the said Joseph Pendleton, both exhibited to this Assembly. And that Capt. Nathaniel Lewis, of Charlestown; and Silas Greenman, and William Babcock, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of said Lottery, who shall give Bond in the Sum of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds to the General Treasurer, for the faithful Performance of their Trust; and that this Colony be free and clear from any Charge accruing in said Lottery. And that the Petitioner, upon receiving the Money to be paid to him, he, together with his Wife, give ample Deeds of Conveyance to the Drawers of said Lots, conveying the same in Fee-Simple; and the said Directors are hereby empowered and ordered to take Deeds for the Use of the Drawers of said Lots: And that the said Directors have Three per Cent out of the Money arising on said Lottery, for all their Trouble and Charge respecting the same.*

## The S C H E M E of the above-mention'd Lottery.

N <sup>o</sup>	A House & Lot, £. 2000	N <sup>o</sup>	A Lot, £. 35
1	A House & Lot, 220	49	Ditto, 50
3	A Lot, 125	50	Ditto, 50
4	Ditto, 120	51	Ditto, 50
5	Ditto, 120	52	Ditto, 50
6	Ditto, 115	53	Ditto, 50
7	Ditto, 115	54	Ditto, 50
8	Ditto, 115	55	Ditto, 50
9	Ditto, 112	56	Ditto, 50
10	Ditto, 112	57	Ditto, 50
11	Ditto, 110	58	Ditto, 50
12	Ditto, 100	59	Ditto, 50
13	Ditto, 105	60	Ditto, 50
14	Ditto, 105	61	Ditto, 50
15	Ditto, 110	62	Ditto, 50
16	Ditto, 120	63	Ditto, 50
17	Ditto, 130	64	Ditto, 50
18	Ditto, 130	65	Ditto, 50
19	Ditto, 130	66	Ditto, 50
21	Ditto, 90	67	Ditto, 50
22	Ditto, 90	68	Ditto, 50
23	Ditto, 90	69	Ditto, 50
24	Ditto, 90	70	Ditto, 50
25	Ditto, 90	71	Ditto, 50
26	Ditto, 90	72	Ditto, 50
27	Ditto, 90	73	Ditto, 30
28	Ditto, 90	74	Ditto, 25
29	Ditto, 90	75	Ditto, 35
30	Ditto, 90	76	Ditto, 50
31	Ditto, 90	77	Ditto, 50
32	Ditto, 90	78	Ditto, 50
33	Ditto, 90	79	Ditto, 50
34	Ditto, 90	80	Ditto, 50
35	Ditto, 90	81	Ditto, 50
36	Ditto, 90	82	Ditto, 50
37	Ditto, 90	83	Ditto, 50
38	Ditto, 90	84	Ditto, 50
39	Ditto, 90	85	Ditto, 50
40	Ditto, 90	86	Ditto, 50
41	Ditto, 90	87	Ditto, 50
42	Ditto, 90	88	Ditto, 50
43	Ditto, 90	89	Ditto, 50
44	Ditto, 90	90	Ditto, 50
45	Ditto, 90	91	Ditto, 50
46	Ditto, 90	92	Ditto, 50
47	Ditto, 25	93	Ditto, 50

No. 94. A Lot.

N <sup>o</sup>	A Lot,	£. 50	N <sup>o</sup>	A Lot,	£. 50
94	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	112	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
95	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	113	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
96	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	114	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
97	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	115	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
98	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	116	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
99	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	117	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
100	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	118	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
101	<i>Ditto,</i>	30	119	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
102	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	120	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
103	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	121	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
104	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	122	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
105	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	123	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
106	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	124	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
107	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	125	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
108	<i>Ditto,</i>	50	126	<i>Ditto,</i>	50
109	<i>Ditto,</i>	50			

### Prizes in Money.

Number of Prizes.	Value of each.	Total Value.
10	of £. 40	are £. 400
20	of 20	are 400
200	of 15	are 3000
299	of 12	are 3588
400	of 10	are 4000
531	of 8	are 4248
		£. 15,636
1460		
124		
1584	Prizes.	

WHEREAS Joseph Bennet and Daniel Dunham, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, amounting to Thirty Pounds, for their Trouble and Labour in taking Care of the Colony House, cleansing of it, &c. for the Year past: On Consideration whereof, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That Twenty Pounds of said Account be allowed, and paid the said Joseph Bennet and Daniel Dunham out of the General Treasury, for their Service aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That all Proceedings in respect to turning the Course of Paucatuck River, be, and they are hereby stayed 'till further Orders shall be given forth from this Assembly.*

Whereas several Committees that were appointed at the last Session of this Assembly, and directed to make their Report to the present, have not perform'd the same: This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That they and each of them, be, and they are hereby continued in the Trust for which they were appointed,

appointed, and invested with all the Power and Authority before granted them, for acting in Consequence to such their Appointment: And that they report their Proceedings to this Assembly at their next Session.

Both Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, the following Officers were chosen, *to wit*;

*Thomas Arnold, Esq;* a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Providence, in the Room of *Jeremiah Lippet, Esq;* who refused: *And it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said *Thomas Arnold* shall be the youngest Justice of the said Court.

*William Burton, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Providence, in the County of Providence, in the Room of *John Burton, Esq;* who refused.

*Benjamin Arnold, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick.*

*Jeremiah Willcox, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *South-Kingston.*

*John Aldrich, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Smithfield.*

*Nathanael Lewis Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charlestown,* in the Room of *Benjamin Hoxsey, Esq;* who refused.

*Jonathan Clark, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for said Town of *Charlestown,* in the Room of *John Congdon, Esq;* who refused.

*Benjamin Mowrey, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter,* in the Room of *George Reynolds, Esq;* who refused.

*Feleg Smith, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Middletown,* in the Room of *Joshua Coggeshall* (Son of *Thomas*), who refused.

*Edward Easton, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for said Town of *Middletown.*

*Thomas Kirwan, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Richmond.*

*Joseph Turpin, Captain,* } Of the Troop of Horse in the County  
*Caleb Arnold, Lieutenant,* } of *Providence.*  
*Benjamin Fry, Cornet,* }

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Choice of the Committees in the several Towns, for the Management of the Colony's Money let, or to be let on Loan, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly; and that the present Officers be continued until that Time, with full Power of doing, acting, and transacting all Business appertaining to their Offices, in the mean while.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session thereof: That the Secretary proclaim by Beat of Drum in *Newport,* the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days; and send Copies of the Acts and Order made and past at this and the last Session, to each Town in the Colony, agreeable to Law, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *Augy?* next.

G O D Save the K I N G.

*Newport, June 18. 1750.*

*All the foregoing Acts of Assembly, were  
here published by Beat of Drum, &c.*

*THOMAS WARD, Secret.*

*a true copy examined  
by Thomas Ward - Secretary*







At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Planta-  
tions, in New-England, in America; begun and  
held by Adjournment at Newport, the third Monday  
of August, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign  
of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second,  
by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain,  
France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.  
And in the Year of Our LORD, One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and Fifty.

## P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. ROBERT HASZARD, Esq; Dep. Gov.

GEORGE WANTON, Esq;	} ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
JOHN POTTER, Esq;	
JOHN COGGESHALL, Esq;	} WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	
BENJAMIN TUCKER, Esq;	JEOFFREY WATSON, Esq;

## The SECRETARY.

## DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Honourable THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;  
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,  
Mr. Joseph Whipple,  
The Speaker,



Mr. John Tillinghast.
Capt. Job Bennet.
PROVIDENCE;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;
Mr. Eliza

Mr. *Eliza Brown*,  
 Cap. *Christopher Harris*,  
*John Andrews*, Esq;  
 PORTSMOUTH;  
*William Anthony*, jun. Esq;  
*John Allen*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Thomas Brownet*,  
*Benjamin Hickes*, Esq;  
 WARWICK;  
*Philip Greene*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Joseph Lippit*,  
*William Holden*, Esq;  
*John Walton*, Esq;  
 WESTERLY;  
 Col. *Joseph Pendleton*,  
 Capt. *Caleb Church*.  
 NEW-SHOREHAM;  
 Capt. *Edward Sands*,  
 Capt. *Robert Hull*.  
 NORTH-KINGSTON;  
 Col. *Immanuel Northup*.  
*Beriah Brown*, Esq;  
 SOUTH-KINGSTON;  
 Mr. *Henry Gardner*,  
*Rowland Robinson*, Esq;  
 EAST-GREENWICH;  
*Joseph Nichols*, Esq;  
 Capt. *Thomas Spenser*.  
 JAMESTOWN;  
 Mr. *Edward Carr*,  
 Mr. *Joseph Clark*.  
 SMITHFIELD;  
*Thomas Lapham*, Esq;  
*Thomas Arnold*, Esq;  
 SCITUATE;  
*Job Randal*, Esq;

Mr. *Gideon Hammond*,  
 GLOUCESTER;  
 Major *Richard Smith*,  
 Mr. *Benjamin Smith*,  
 CHARLESTOWN;  
 Mr. *James Congdon*,  
 Capt. *Nathanael Lewis*,  
 WEST-GREENWICH;  
 Mr. *Samuel Hopkins*,  
 Mr. *William Cumstock*,  
 COVENTRY;  
*Elisha Johnson*, Esq;  
*Samuel Cooper*, Esq;  
 EXETER;  
 Mr. *Benoni Gardner*,  
 Capt. *William Tripp*,  
 MIDDLETOWN;  
 Mr. *Jonathan Easton*,  
 Capt. *William Turner*,  
 BRISTOL;  
*Jonathan Peck*, Esq;  
 TIVERTON;  
 Capt. *John Manchester*,  
*Abrakam Barker*, Esq;  
 LITTLE-COMPTON;  
 Lieut. Col. *John Hunt*.  
 Mr. *Joseph Peckham*,  
 WARREN,  
 Capt. *Benjamin Barton*,  
 CUMBERLAND;  
*Job Bartlet*, Esq;  
*John Dexter*, Esq;  
 RICHMOND;  
 Mr. *Samuel Tift*,  
 Capt. *James Adams*;

Mr. *John Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

THE Gentlemen appointed by the Assembly at their Session in Newport, on the second Monday in June last. to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, exhibited the following Account by them stated, and subjoined their Report unto it.

1750. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to Thomas Richardson, General Treasurer,* Dr.---

**T**o Cash for sundry Disbursements from the the fifth Day of June, 1749, to the first Day of August, 1750; together with the Interest Money paid to several Towns, and Incident Charges taken from the Treasurer's Alphabetical Book, — £. 15656 18 5  
 To the Treasurer's Salary for the Year 1749. 200 0 0  
 To an Allowance to the Treasurer by Act of Assembly in June 1750, for extraordinary Services. 50 0 0  
 To sundry small Charges for a Book, Paper, &c. 13 1 6  
 To short Interest of the eighth Bank for the Towns of Warwick and Westerly, for the Year 1749. 2 14 0

£. 15922 13 11

Balance due from *Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer to the Colony, being Twenty Thousand and Sixty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence, in Money and Bonds.* — 20065 8 5  
 £. 35988 2 4

**I**750. *Contra.* Cr.---  
**B**Y Balance due to the Colony from the General Treasurer, as settled by the Auditors the 5th Day of June, A. D. 1749. £. 24891 70 10  
 By the Interest of the seventh Bank for the Year 1749. 3200 0 0  
 By the Interest of the eighth Bank for the Year 1749. 6400 0 0  
 By Cash received of Col. *William Coddington*, Vendue Master, for the neat Proceeds of Colony Stores sold by him, as by his Account in the Treasurer's Office. 1448 11 6  
 By Col. *Eliza Reynold's* Bond for 30 0 0  
 By Cash received for Eighteen Law-Books, sold since the last Audit. 18 0 0  
 By two Books delivered by Order of Assembly.  
 By 175 Books in the Treasury unsold.

£. 35988 2 4

“ **W**E the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly “ a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson, Esq; the present General Treasurer*, do find that there is due from “ the said *Thomas Richardson* to the Colony, the Sum of Twenty “ Thousand and Sixty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence, as “ appears by the Account above stated, in which a Number of non  
 “ est

“ *etc* Bonds are included, amounting to a large Sum. We also Report, “ That the said *Thomas Richardson* claimed an Allowance for his extraordinary Services the last Year, in settling with the Persons who had their Sterling Bills protested, and delivering them new Sets of Bills ; and also for hiring Money for the Colony, as by Order of Assembly : But as we concluded that this Matter did not properly belong to us to determine, therefore recommend it to the Consideration of the General Assembly. As Witness our Hands in *Newport*, “ *August the 1st. 1750.*

“ *Peter Bours,*  
“ *Thomas Cranston,*  
“ *John Tillinghast,*  
“ *James Sheffield.*”

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and it is hereby accepted

Whereas the same Gentlemen were at the same Time appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Col. *John Gardner* with the Colony ; and having assumed that Province, exhibited the following Account by them stated, and subjoined their Report unto it.

**Dr.** *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to John Gardner, Esq;*  
 1749. **T**O Ballance due *June 8th, 1749.* £. 1571 12 7  
 To sundry Disbursements for the Colony,  
 as per his Book and Vouchers. 217 9 1  
 £. 1789 1 8

**Cr.** *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to John Gardner, Esq;*  
 1749. **B**y fifteen half Barrels Powder. £. 442 0 0  
 By Cash receiv'd of the General Treasurer. 1230 10 9  
 By Ballance due to *John Gardner, Esq;* 116 10 11  
 £. 1789 1 8

“ **W**E the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to audit the Account of *John Gardner, Esq;* with the Colony, Report, That we have perform'd said Service, and find a Ballance due from the Colony to the said *John Gardner,* of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven Pence : As Witness our Hands in *Newport, August 2d. 1750.*

“ *Peter Bours,*  
“ *Thomas Cranston,*  
“ *John Tillinghast,*  
“ *James Sheffield.*”

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and it is hereby accepted ; and that the above

above-mentioned Ballance of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven Pence, be paid unto the aforesaid *John Gardner* out of the General Treasury.

And whereas the same Gentlemen were at the same Time appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee that was appointed to build the Light-House ; and having assumed that Province, reported unto this Assembly, That they had inspected and examined the several Accounts and Vouchers of *Simon Pease*, Esq; and Mr. *Abel Franklin*, the only two of the Committee who received and laid out the Colony's Money in the Execution of that Design, and found a Ballance of Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Five Pence due from the said *Simon Pease*, which he immediately paid in the Presence of the Reporters, to Mr. *Franklin*'s Son, for the Use of his Father, who had a Ballance due to him on Account of said Light-House. And over and above the said Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Five Pence paid as aforesaid, they found the Sum of Four Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven Pence due to the said *Abel Franklin*. And now this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same are hereby accepted, and that the Sum of Four Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven Pence, be allowed and paid unto the aforesaid *Abel Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Committee that audited the Accounts of the General Treasurer, Col. *John Gardner*'s Accounts with the Colony, and the Accounts of the Committee that built the Light-House, exhibited the following Account.

*The Colony to Peter Bours, Thomas Cranston, John Tillinghast, and James Sheffield, a Committee appointed by the General Assembly.* — — — — — Dr.—

**T**O auditing the General Treasurer's Accounts, Commissary *Gardner*'s Accounts, and the Light-House Accounts, — — — — — £. 80 0 0

*Newport, August 14. 1750.*

*Peter Bours,  
Thomas Cranston,  
John Tillinghast,  
James Sheffield."*

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed ; and that the Sum of Eighty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Auditors out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly at their Session in *South-Kingston*, on the last Tuesday of *February* last, appointed a Committee, and impowered them in Behalf of the Colony, to settle the Accounts of Col. *John Gardner*, Messrs. *John Channing, Thomas Wickham, and Stephen Wanson*,

*Wanton*, who were appointed Directors of a Lottery granted by the Government for the Relief of *Joseph Fox*, who was then confined in his Majesty's Goal in *Newport*; and to receive of the said Directors all the Money that should appear to remain in their Hands, after paying for the Relief of said *Fox*, and Charges. And whereas the said Committee so appointed, assumed that Province, and having effected the Business committed to their Charge, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them stated, as follows:

<i>The Directors</i> ,	-	-	Dr.--
<i>To the Amount of the Lottery</i> ,	-	-	£. 32000 0 0
<i>Contra.</i>	-	-	Cr.--
<i>By Joseph Fox's Debt, allowed and paid John Banister</i> ,	-	-	£. 2764 5 4
<i>By Joseph Scott, Esq;</i>	-	-	29 0 0
<i>By Benefit Tickets,</i>	-	-	28000 0 0
<i>By Commissions for said Directors, at Two and Half per Cent. allowed by Assembly,</i>			800 0 0
			£. 31593 5 4
<i>By Ballance due from said Directors,</i>			406 14 8
			£. 32000 0 0

*To which Account, they subjoined the following Report and Account :*  
 " **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the within named Directors, do Report, That according to said Trust, we have audited the within Accounts, and find a Ballance due from said Directors, of Four Hundred and Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence, as by the above Account appears; which Money still remains in the Hands of said Directors: As Witness our Hands " in *Newport*, this 8th Day of *August*, 1750.

" *William Ellery,*  
 " *Thomas Cranston,*  
 " *John Tillinghast,*  
 " *James Sheffield.*"

<i>The Colony of Rhode-Island</i> ,	-	Dr.----
<i>To our Time and Trouble in auditing said Lottery,</i>	£. 12 0 0	

*William Ellery,*  
*Thomas Cranston,*  
*John Tillinghast,*  
*James Sheffield.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: That the above-mentioned Ballance of Four Hundred and Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence, due from the Directors as aforesaid, be by them paid into

into the General Treasury within one Month from this Time : And also that the above Account by the Auditors, charged against the Colony, be allowed, and the Sum of Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid the said Auditors out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Messrs. *Ishmael Spink*, and *Samuel Hopkins*, exhibited an Account of Seven Pounds New-Tenor, by them charged against the Colony, for letting out upon Loan, One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds New-Tenor Bills, *Anno 1744*. And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings New-Tenor, be allowed the said *Ishmael Spink*, and *Samuel Hopkins*, and paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Easton* exhibited an Account of Ninety Pounds, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Trouble in taking Care of the Colony House, turning the Colony's Powder once a Month, carrying the Small Arms to the Gunsmith, and bringing them back several Times, from the first Day of *May, 1740*, to the first Day of *May, 1749* : And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum Thirty Pounds be allowed the said *John Easton*, and paid him out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peter Bours*, *Simon Pease*, *Thomas Cranston*, *George Wanton*, and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. who were appointed to receive of *Col. Daniel Updike* all his Accounts with the Colony, and examine the same, have not yet compleated that Business : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the same Gentlemen be, and they hereby are farther continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid ; and that they, or the major Part of them, examine all the Accounts which the said *Col. Updike* hath with the Colony, as well those respecting the Grand Committee and General Treasury, as all other Accounts whatever, subsisting between him and the Colony, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly made and passed the two last Sessions, one in *May*, and the other in *June* ; and for furnishing Paper to print the same on : And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Fifty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Angel*, of *Providence*, exhibited an Account by him charged against the Colony, for making and erecting a Pillory there, and for Materials by him found to make the same : And this Assembly having

having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Eleven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Angel* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Charles Olney* exhibited an Account by him charged against the Colony, for a Well-pole and Crutch by him provided for the Use of the Goal in *Providence*: And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Three Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Charles Olney* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours, Simon Pease, Thomas Cranston, George Wanton, and James Sheffield, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, for the Year 1749, and to receive of him all the Bills of Credit in his Hands that have been paid in for Tents, and burn the same, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas Messrs. *Rowse Helme, and John Watson*, let out upon Loan the Town of *South Kingstown's* Proportion of the Bank in the Year 1744, and have not received any Satisfaction therefor. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Eight Pounds Two Shillings and Three Pence, in Bills of Credit of the New-Tenor, be allowed and paid the said *Rowse Helme and John Watson* out of the General Treasury, for their Service.

Whereas Messrs. *Joseph Whipple, Thomas Cranston, and John Tillinghast*, were appointed a Committee to receive of the Gentlemen who were formerly appointed to pay off the Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended against *Canada*, their Accounts with the Colony, and to adjust the same, and receive the Ballance; but have not yet effected that Business: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Whipple, Thomas Cranston, and John Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby farther continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid; and that they, or the major Part of them, enter upon and finish the Affair as soon as may be, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bond given by the Directors of the Lottery set forth for raising Money to build a Bridge over *Waybasset River* in *Providence*, be put in Suit at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be held at *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*; and that *Mr. Matthew Robinson* be, and he is hereby appointed the Attorney to prosecute said Suit.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; and Capt. *John Tillinghast*, be appointed a Committee, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered to examine and settle the Accounts of the Secretary, and Capt. of Fort *George*, with the Colony, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, be, and he is hereby appointed and directed to collect all the Colony's Arms, Cartouch Boxes, and Bills, within the Town of *Newport*, and lodge them in the Garret of the Colony-house, and take the Care and Charge of them; for which he shall have a reasonable Allowance.

Whereas Dr *John Brett* exhibited an Account of Eighty-three Pounds Three Shillings, by him charged against the Colony, for Medicines administered to, and Attendance on several of the Soldiers in the Service of the Government, at Fort *George*. And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Seventy Pounds of the said Account be, and is hereby allowed the said *John Brett*, and paid him out of the General Treasury.

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof*, It is Enacted, That for the future no Physician or Surgeon shall be employed to administer Medicines, or give Attendance, &c. to or on the Officers or Soldiers at Fort *George*, at the Charge of the Colony, without particular Orders from the Captain of said Fort for the Time being.

This Assembly having considered the subject Matter of the Petition of divers Persons, Inhabitants on the Land claimed by this Colony from the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and their Circumstances, do Order, That the Secretary of this Colony write a Letter to the Secretary of said Province, to be laid before their General Court, representing, That this Assembly has had certain Information, that a considerable Number of those Persons inhabiting on the said disputed Lands, are apprehended and prosecuted at *Worcester* Court of Sessions, as Rioters; occasioned by some indiscreet Proceedings of some Officers in the Colony; which as they were done in the Receds of this Assembly, so they were begun and carried on without the Knowledge and Privity of this Court; and that all these things have happened since the last Letters to said Province: Therefore desire, that as the General Court of said Province has always in all their Letters to this Colony since this Dispute has subsisted, shewn a Disposition to have the said Northern Boundary Line between us, run and settled in the most amicable Way possible; so on our Part, that it is our hearty Desire every Thing should be done to cultivate that good Harmony and Friendship that ought to subsist between Neighbours, and that those poor People who

are settled on the said disputed Land, may not be made a Sacrifice to the Resentments of the Province, for being misled by any inconsiderate Officers of this Colony, since this Assembly have Reason to believe that the Persons so prosecuted, had no riotous Intent to disturb the Peace of the Government; therefore this Assembly desires that the General Court of said Province would give Orders to the Judges of said Court at Worcester, to suspend any further Prosecution against said Men, 'till the said Matter of said Line shall be issued; or that the Secretary write something to the like Purpose, and to desire them also to suspend the Levying the Taxes from said People.

Also his Honour the Governor is desired to write by the first Ship to the Agent for this Colony in London, directing him to represent to His Majesty the Circumstances of said People, and the rigorous Demands that are made on them for Taxes, &c. in order to obtain from His Majesty in Council, an Order to said Province to suspend the Levying any more Taxes, or using any violent Means with said People, 'till the said Northern Line shall be finally settled and established.

Whereas the Executors of *Henry Tisdale*, late of *Newport*, Gunsmith, deceas'd, exhibited an Account charged against the Government, for his the said *Henry's* cleaning in his Life, Guns, Pistols, Cutlasses, &c. belonging to the Colony: And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of One Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Executors out of the General Treasury.

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office be, and he is hereby directed to exchange for the future such whole Bills of Credit as he shall receive from time to time in that Office, and take torn Bills in Lieu thereof; and for his Time and Trouble in so doing, shall be allowed Half per Cent.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colony's Ferries on the West Side of *Jamestown*, be sold to the best Advantage of the Government: And that *Daniel Coggeshall*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *Immanuel Northup*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, with full Power to sell and dispose of said Ferries by Publick Vendue, or otherwise, as they shall think proper, advertising the same fourteen Days before the Sale; and when they have sold them, the said Committee in Behalf of the Colony, make, seal, and execute a good and sufficient Deed or Deeds of said Ferries to the Buyer or Buyers thereof; and that the Money arising thereby, be lodged in the General Treasury; and that out of the same, the General Treasurer pay off all such Money as was by him hired for building the Light House.

Whereas

Whereas Messrs. *Abraham Courtelot* and *Richard Smith*, exhibited an Account by them charged against the Colony, for letting out One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds in Bills of Credit of the New Tenor, it being the Town of Gloucester's Proportion of the Eighth Bank: And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings Old-Tenor, be paid unto the said *Abraham Courtelot* and *Richard Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Col. *Eliza Reynolds* exhibited an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Charges in going to *Newport* in the Year 1746, to receive the Powder and Balls ordered for the Use of the County of *Kings County*, for the Freight of transporting, carting, and storing it, &c. And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed; and also, that the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Eliza Reynolds* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Immanuel Northup*, Esq; exhibited an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Expence, &c. in receiving of Col. *Eliza Reynolds*, five Barrels of Gun-powder belonging to the Government, and procuring them to be transported to *Newport*, where they were sold by Publick Vendue. And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Sum of Eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence be paid unto the said *Immanuel Northup* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT to prevent the falling Through of the near approaching Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in the County of Newport.*

WHEREAS the Town Meetings of the several Towns in this Colony, for choosing Deputies to set in the General Assembly on the last Wednesday of October next, are held on the same Day which the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, is to be held at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*; whereby the Judges of said Court will be depriv'd of the Benefit of attending said Town Meetings, unless they suffer said Court to be discontinued.

For

For Remedy whereof,

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That if it should happen that none of the Judges of said Court shall appear at Newport on the Day appointed by Law for holding said Court, that then and in such Case, said Court shall not be discontinued ; Provided any one or more of the Judges appear the next Day, and proceed to do Business, or adjourn said Court according to the Law now in Force : And that all Business done in said Court, if so held, shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been held or adjourn'd on the Day appointed by Law.*

*And it is also Voted and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport, shall notify all Persons concerned, by setting up a Copy of this Act at the Court House Door, on the usual Day of holding said Court.*

**W**HEREAS *Moses Lopez*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Merchant, represented unto this Assembly, That he hath for several Years past translated Letters and Papers from the *Spanish* into *English*, for the Use of the Government ; which he has declined being paid for, inasmuch as it was for said Use : That he is ready and willing at all Times to do the like, and desires no other Gratuity than to be exempted from all other Personal Duties in the Colony, during his Residence therein ; and prayed that an Act might be pass'd accordingly.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted, That the said Moses Lopez be, and he is hereby exempted from all Personal Duties in this Colony, excepting the above-mentioned, until the General Assembly shall order otherwise.*

Whereas Capt. *Edward Sands*, and Capt. *Robert Hull*, exhibited an Account by them charged against the Colony, for letting out Five Hundred Pounds New-Tenor of the Colony's Money, in the Year 1743 : And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Five Pounds in Old-Tenor Bills, be paid to the said *Edward Sands* and *Robert Hull* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Col. *Joseph Pendleton*, and Mr. *Gideon Hammond*, both Members of the Lower House, have informed this Assembly, that the said House has been grossly abused by *Samuel Pemberton*, and another Person : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Persons be brought before this Assembly (by a Warrant from the Secretary), to answer for their Behaviour, and to do and suffer what shall be injoin'd them by this Assembly.

Whereas

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto the Lower House, that *Samuel Pemberton* hath grossly abused this Assembly, by saying, "That the General Assembly are a Parcel of damn'd Rascals and Scoundrels, and as bad as Thieves and Robbers, and had taken Five Thousand Pounds out of his Pocket." And the said *Samuel Pemberton* being brought before this Assembly, acknowledged that he had so said; but that he intended only thote that voted for making the Money: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Samuel Pemberton* be committed to His Majesty's Goal in *Newport*, until he give a Bond with sufficient Surety in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds for his Appearance before this Assembly at their next Session, to be held the last Monday in *September* next.

Whereas this Assembly hath been informed that *Joshua Bill* hath broken his Covenants entered into by Leafes made between him and the Committee appointed to lease out the several Ferries in this Colony: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney General bring and prosecute an Action in the Name of the said Committee, against the said *Joshua Bill*, for the Breach of said Covenants.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referred unto the next Session: And that the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders now made and past, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the last Monday of *September* next.

GOD Save the KING.

*Published in Newport, the 27th  
Day of August, 1750. by*

THOMAS WARD, Secy.

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Planta-  
tions, in New-England, in America ; begun and  
held at Providence the last Wednesday of October,  
in the Year of Our L O R D, One Thousand Seven Hun-  
dred and Fifty : And in the Twenty-fourth Year of the  
Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the  
Second, by the Grace of G O D, of Great-Britain,  
France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith,  
&c.*

## P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *ROBERT HASZARD*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

GEORGE WANTON, Esq;	Aff.	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;	
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JOHN POTTER, Esq;		DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;	
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;		Aff.	JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq.
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			

## The S E C R E T A R Y.

## DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S

NEWPORT :	
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall	2
Mr. Joseph Whipple,	2
Thomas Cranston, Esq;	2
Peter Bours, Esq;	2
Mr. Nicholas Easton,	2
Capt. Job Bennet.	2
PROVIDENCE :	
Jonathan Randal, Esq;	2
Mr. Elisha Brown,	2
John Dexter, Esq;	2
Daniel Jencks, Esq;	2

PORTSMOUTH :	
William Anthony, jun. Esq;	2
John Allen, Esq;	2
Benjamin Hickes, Esq;	2
WARWICK :	
Capt. John Greene,	2
Thomas Rice, Esq;	2
Mr. Joseph Lippit,	2
Major Stephen Low.	2
WESTERLY :	
Col. Joseph Pendleton,	2
Capt. Caleb Church.	2
NEW-	

NEW-SHOREHAM ;	Mr. John Greene, (Son of John).
None.	COVENTRY ;
NORTH-KINGSTON ;	Samuel Cooper, Esq;
Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> ,	EXETER ;
Beriah Brown, Esq;	Capt. John Reynolds,
SOUTH-KINGSTON :	Mr. Benjamin Mowry.
<i>Jeremiab Niles</i> , Esq;	MIDDLETOWN ;
Mr. Benj. Peckham, jun.	Edward Easton, Esq;
EAST-GREENWICH	Mr. Peter Barker.
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	BRISTOL ;
Capt. Thomas Spenser.	<i>Jonathan Peck</i> , Esq;
JAMESTOWN ;	<i>Sbearjashub Bourn</i> , Esq;
Mr. Joseph Clark.	TIVERTON ;
SMITHFIELD :	Capt. John Manchester,
<i>Thomas Lapham</i> , Esq;	Mr. Samuel Durfey.
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;	LITTLE-COMPTON ;
SCITUATE ;	Lieut. Col. John Hunt,
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	Mr. Charles Brownel.
Mr. Gideon Hammond.	WARREN ;
GLOUCESTER ;	Peter Bicknell, Esq;
Major <i>Rickard Smith</i> .	CUMBERLAND ;
Major <i>Timetby Willmott</i>	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
CHARLESTOWN ;	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,	RICHMOND ;
Capt. <i>Nathanael Lewis</i> .	<i>Samuel Tift</i> , Esq;
WEST-GREENWICH ;	Capt. <i>Joseph Enos</i> , jun.
<i>Jeremiab Ellis</i> , Esq;	

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker;  
And Mr. *Jostas Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS a Committee was appointed by the General Assembly, to receive, settle, and examine all and every the Accounts of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; with the Colony ; and they having performed that Service, presented the following Account by them stated, together with their Report thereon.

<i>Daniel Updike</i> , Esq; his Account with the Colony of R. Island, Dr.-	
TO a Number of Interest Bonds receiv'd from the	
Treasury, as per his Account,	£. 18690 1 2
To a Number of Tenth Bonds per <i>Dicto</i> .	5149 17 6
To a Charge of <i>Epbraim Gardner's</i> , no Voucher,	10 0 0
To Ditto <i>Andrew Brown</i> , charged by the Treasury,	87 10 0
To Ditto <i>Jeremiab Niles</i> , charged by <i>Dicto</i> ,	21 14 0
To a Charge on the Treasury for £. 41 2s. 8d. if said Sum be not found charged to the Colony in the Treasurer's Books, then <i>John Gardner</i> , Esq; hath a Right to draw the same out of the General Treasury, because the said <i>Gardner</i> hath paid the same Sum to Col. <i>Updike</i> in Behalf of the Government,	41 2 8
To a Charge to buy Shot, no Act of Assembly,	400 0 0
	£. 44400 5 4
	<i>Daniel</i>

Daniel Updike, Esq; his Account with the Colony of Rhode-Island, Cr.---

<b>B</b> Y his Account of Money, &c. paid the General Treasury,	L. 21321	2 5
By his Account of Money, &c. paid the Grand Committee,	21189	19 8
By his Account for sundry Services done for the Colony,	930	3 1
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By Ballance due to the Colony,	L. 43441	5 2
	959	0 2
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	L. 44490	5 4

“ **W**E the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to receive, examine and settle the Accounts of Daniel Updike, Esq; with the Colony, do Report, That according to said Appointment, we have receiv'd, examin'd, and settled said Accounts, and find a Ballance due from said Updike to the Colony, the Sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds and Two Pence. We further Report, That we have receiv'd of said Updike a List of Mortgage Deeds, amounting to the Sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Pounds; which List we present with this Report: Said List of Mortgages remains not settled, Col. Updike not having Time to procure proper Vouchers to discharge him from the same. We still further Report, That we have receiv'd of Mr. Jonathan Nichols, One Thousand Seven Hundred and One Pounds Cash, Old-Tenor, which we have burnt, the same being charged in Col. Updike's Account: All which is humbly submitted by

“ Peter Bours,  
“ Simon Pease,  
“ George Wanton,  
“ Thomas Cranston,  
“ James Sheffield.”

With which Report, the said Committee presented the following Account.  
“ Colony of Rhode-Island, to George Wanton, Peter Bours, Simon Pease, James Sheffield, and Thomas Cranston, Dr.—

“ **T**O our Time and Trouble in receiving, examining, and settling the Account of Daniel Updike, Esq; with the Colony, and for receiving Seventeen Hundred and One Pounds of Jonathan Nichols, Esq; and burning the same.

L. 50 0 0

Newport, October 27. 1750.

“ Peter Bours,  
“ Simon Pease,  
“ George Wanton,  
“ Thomas Cranston.”

And now this Assembly having taken into Consideration the foregoing Report and Account, and duly examined the same, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be, and it

is hereby allowed, and that the same Gentlemen be further continued a Committee to examine into the Article of Four Hundred Pounds charged in the foregoing Account, and inquire whether the Colony has had the Advantage of it: And also to receive proper Vouchers respecting the fore-mentioned Mortgages, and settle the Account accordingly. And also to receive the Ballance of Col. Updike, and burn the same, it being Tenth Money, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session. *And it is further Voted and Resolved,* That the aforesaid Account by the Committee charged against the Colony, be allowed, and that the Sum of Fifty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid them out of the General Treasury.

*Here followeth the List of Mortgages referred to in the aforesgoing Report made by M<sup>rs</sup> Bours, Peale, Wanton, and Sheffield; to wit:*

*Mortgages receiv'd of Jahleel Brenton, Esq; are as followeth.*

*Third Bank.*

W <sup>illiam</sup> Allen,	£ 38	in the Hands of D. Updike
Abraham Anthony,	145	deliver'd to Jona. Nichols.
David Filh,	37	
William Brown.	145	Jahleel Brenton.
George Thomas,	135	
Gideon Cornel,	140	Jahleel Brenton.
John Albro,	145	Jonathan Nichols.

*Fourth Bank.*

G. Cornel (Son of Thos.)	213	J. Brenton.
The same Man,	113	J. Brenton.
John Coggeshall,	113	J. Brenton.
William Wall,	80	Mortgage with D. U.
Gideon Freeborn, jun.	113	Jahleel Brenton.
Job Lawton,	113	Benj. Nichols.
Jonathan Nichols.	226	J. Brenton.
Daniel Fish,	113	at Mr. Lyndon's Office.

*Newport Third Bank.*

Thomas Salter,	35	Jahleel Brenton.
Benjamin Brenton,	45	Jahleel Brenton.
Joseph Knowlton,	100	
James Peckham,	25	
William Gardner,	140	Mortgage with D. U.
William Anthony,	60	Mortgage with D. U.
Walter Chapman,	60	Jahleel Brenton.

*Carried over.* - £. 2334

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<i>Brought over,</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>2334</i>	<i>--</i>	
Grace & Sam. Weedon,	<i>50</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton,
John Dickinson,	<i>140</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
John Westgate,	<i>30</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
John Gould,	<i>140</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Joshua Studson,	<i>80</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Henry Negus,	<i>25</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	
William Weedon,	<i>90</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	at Mr. Lyndon's Office.
Thomas Wrightington,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	
John Ingraham,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Henry Clark,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
John Coggeshall,	<i>70</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Benjamin Belcher,	<i>140</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
John Chadwick,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Joseph Crandal,	<i>46</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
Sabin & Shrieve,	<i>30</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	at Mr. Lyndon's Office.
Thomas Peckham,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Thomas Salter,	<i>50</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
Charles Dickinson,	<i>60</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
Benjamin Weaver,	<i>180</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
J. Kerby,	<i>120</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.
William Phillips,	<i>25</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	
R. & D. Chadwick,	<i>40</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton,
D. Abbot,	<i>120</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
Jeremiah Fish,	<i>60</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
Samuel Rogers,	<i>150</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	
John Clarke,	<i>200</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
Benjamin Brenton,	<i>150</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Mortgage with D. U.
John Coggeshall,	<i>150</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	Jahleel Brenton.

*£.* 4680 13 4

Whereas the Gentlemen appointed by an Act of the General Assembly to lease out the Colony's Ferries, exhibited the following Account against the Government; to wit:

<i>" The Colony of Rhode-Island,</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Dr. —</i>
<i>" To our Time and Trouble in making ten Leases</i>			
<i>" in Behalf of the Government, to sundry of the</i>			
<i>" Owners of the Ferries in said Government,</i>			<i>£. 10 0 0</i>
<i>Newport, Octob. 27. 1750.</i>			
		<i>" Thomas Cranston,</i>	
		<i>" James Sheffield,</i>	
		<i>for himself and</i>	
		<i>" Nicholas Carr."</i>	
			<i>And</i>

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration and duly examined the said Account. *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and the Sum of Ten Pounds the Amount thereof, paid the aforesaid *Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and Nicholas Carr*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to write to the Secretary of the Province of the *Messachusetts-Bay*, informing him that the Committee appointed by this Government to run the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, will meet for that Purpose at the House of *Benjamin Tower* in *Cumberland*, on the eighteenth Day of *December* next, and request the Province to appoint a Committee to meet ours at the Time and Place above-mentioned.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Col. Daniel Updike, Col. Edward Kinnicut, and Mr. Samuel Chace*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to examine the Agent's Accounts now lying before this Assembly, and make Report to this Assembly before it rises.

Whereas the Committee appointed by the General Assembly at their Session in *Newport* the third Monday of *Augnst* last, to sell the Colony's Ferries on the West Side of *Jamestown*, have performed that Service, and made the following Report, *to wit* ;

“ **W**E the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to sell the Government's Ferries on the West Side of *Jamestown*, do Report, That agreeable to Act of Assembly, we set up Advertisements fourteen Days before Sale, and at the Time appointed, which was the 19th of this Instant, we set up Conditions of Sale at the South Ferry-house, when *Mr. Abel Franklin* and *Mr. Stephen Wilcox* bought said Ferries according to Conditions of Sale ; and *Abel Franklin* paid One Hundred Pounds Cash, in Part of the Purchase Money, and *Stephen Wilcox* paid Twenty Pounds Cash, in Part of the Purchase Money ; for which we gave them our Receipts in Behalf of the Government, and then appointed the Twenty-fifth of this Instant to be the Time to compleat said Contract ; and upon the twenty-fifth of this Instant *October*, we met at the aforesaid Ferry : All Parties being present, we ordered the Surveyor to run out said Land according to Conditions of Sale, which was then done, and two Thirds of laid Land laid out to the South Ferry, and the other Third to the North Ferry, and then filled up the Deeds of Sale, and offered them to the Parties ; when *Mr. Stephen Wilcox* comply'd with Conditions of Sale, and signed the Bonds, and receiv'd his Deed of Sale executed by us in Behalf of the Government, but *Mr. Abel Franklin* refused to comply with Conditions of Sale according to Agreement : All which is humbly submitted by,

“ *Daniel Coggeshall,*      }  
 “ *Thomas Cranston,*      } Committee.  
 “ *Immanuel Norsup,*      }

And

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

And whereas the said *Daniel Coggeshall, Thomas Cranston, and Immanuel Northup, Esqrs.* exhibited with said Report the following Account :

“ *Colony of Rhode-Island, to Daniel Coggeshall, Thomas Cranston, and Immanuel Northup,* Dr. . . .

“ **T**O our Time and Trouble in disposing of the Government’s Ferries upon the West Side of

“ *Jamestown,* — — — £. 45 0 0

“ To Cash paid the Surveyor, — — — 4 0 0

“ To Mr *Josias Lyndon*, for six Advertisements, two

“ Deeds of Sale, and four Bonds, — — — 5 0 0

£. 54 0 0

“ *Daniel Coggeshall,*

“ *Thomas Cranston,*

“ *Immanuel Northup.*”

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Fifty-four Pounds the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Committee out of the General Treasury.

The Committee appointed by an Act of Assembly to buy the two Ferries, &c. on the West Side of *Jamestown*, for the Colony, exhibited the following Account.

1748. *Colony of Rhode-Island,* Dr. . . .

**T**O Cash paid *William Martin* for Ferry, £. 3066 13 4

To Cash paid *Benjamin Nichols* to discharge the Bonds

and Mortgages, 155 2 6

Paid *Lyndon* for the Deed, 1 0 0

Paid *Antipas Haibway, Glasier,* 15 15 5

Paid *Richard Tew, Carpenter,* 6 17 6

2  $\frac{1}{2}$  Yards Cloth to mend Sails, 1 10 0

1 Block and Thimble, and shooing

2 Blocks, 0 17 0

129 lb. Cordage, at 5s. 32 5 0

6 Days Work clearing Dock, at 18s. 5 8 0

To boarding the Men, 3 0 0

$\frac{1}{2}$  Gallon of Rum, 1 lb. Sugar, 1 2 0

252 Feet of Boards, with Freight

and Carting, 12 12 0

To Timber and Nails, 3 2 0

Paid *Joseph Clark* for recording the

Deed, — — — 0 15 0

To our Commissions for receiving

and paying out, 41 5 0

*Carried over,* — — — £. 3347 4 9

*Brought*

<i>Erougts over,</i>	<i>£. 3347 4 9</i>
14 b. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> old Cordage, at 2 <i>6.</i>	<i>£. 1 16 6</i>
13 b. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Cordage, at 5 <i>6.</i>	<i>3 5 0</i>
Boom for Ferry-boat, and making,	<i>3 5 0</i>
100 Board Nails, and 55 Feet of	
Pine Plank,	<i>4 16 0</i>
Blacksmith's Bill for Ferry-boat,	<i>5 13 0</i>
Rigger's Bill for putting on Shrouds	
and Stay,	<i>3 0 0</i>
	<i>£. 25 15 6</i>
To 15 Cord Pines, at £. 5:5 <i>s.</i>	<i>78 15 0</i>
To 30 Cord Pines, at 5 <i>l.</i>	<i>150 0 0</i>
1749. Haling up Timber with Oxen,	<i>4 10 0</i>
Malts for Plates of the Wharff,	<i>20 0 0</i>
10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Cord Stones,	<i>8 12 6</i>
Paid James Green for making and	
mending Augers,	<i>7 0 0</i>
To the Use of a large Canoe, and	
Loss of Oars,	<i>10 0 0</i>
To the Use of a Cable and Anchor,	
and Coil of Rope,	<i>5 0 0</i>
To 13 Gallons and 1 Quart of	
Rum, and 5 <i>lb.</i> Sugar,	<i>17 17 6</i>
To the Men's Work 145 Days,	
at 20 <i>s.</i>	<i>145 0 0</i>
Richard Tew's Work 3 Days, at 30 <i>s.</i>	<i>4 10 0</i>
John Hull's Work 52 Days, at 40 <i>s.</i>	<i>104 0 0</i>
To 33 Week's boarding the Men,	
at 4 <i>l.</i> per Week,	<i>132 0 0</i>
1750. To 78 Cord of Stones. at 20 <i>s.</i>	<i>78 0 0</i>
	<i>£. 765 5 0</i>
	<i>4138 5 3</i>
	<i>3881 16 0</i>
Due to Ballance in our Favour,	<i>256 9 3</i>

*per Contra.*

<i>Cr.--</i>
<i>£. 3300 0 0</i>
<i>300 0 0</i>
<i>281 16 0</i>
<i>£. 3881 16 0</i>

*Josiah Arnold,  
John Hull,*

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined the foregoing Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted and allowed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Abel Franklin* be allowed one Year's Time to pay the Price of the Ferry-Place which he purchased of the Colony, without Interest, he complying with the Conditions of Sale.

Whereas the Lottery which the Government have allowed Col. *Joseph Pendleton* to set up, is not likely to be filled within the Time appointed for drawing thereof by the Act for granting the same: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for drawing said Lottery be, and it is hereby lengthen'd out to the third Day of March next: At which Time said Lottery shall begin to be drawn, or sooner if full.

In Addition to the Act made and past by the General Assembly at their Session in Scush-Kingsown the last Wednesday of October, 1745, entituled, "An Act for the Regulating mending of High-ways within this Colony." *Be it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That on Refusal or Neglect to work on the Highways, the Fines be augmented as followeth. If warn'd with a Team of a Cart and four Oxen, or two Horses and two Hands, the Delinquent shall pay a Fine of Four Pounds per Day; for a Team of a Cart and two Oxen, or one Horse and one Hand, Three Pounds per Day; for two Hands, Forty Shillings per Day; for one Hand, Twenty Shillings per Day; the Surveyor who shall refuse or neglect to do his Duty, shall pay a Fine of Twenty Pounds.

Whereas *John Anthony Angel* of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, setting forth, That the General Assembly in their Session at *Providence*, in February, 1748, ordered *John Henry Hoofman*, and *Nicholas Ferraldebar*, Servants of the said *John Anthony Angel*, to be discharged of their Servitude, and appointed Lieut. Col. *Edward Kinnicutt*, Mr. *Samuel Chase*, *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; and Capt. *Joseph Olney*, a Committee to settle the Accounts between the Petitioner and his said Servants, and gave them the Custody of said Servants, until he should be satisfied the full Ballance that should be found due to him upon the Committee's Adjustment of their Accounts: That afterwards, at the Session of the General Assembly in May, 1749, the said Committee reported, that the said Servants owed the Petitioner on Ballance of Accounts, the Sum of Forty-five Pounds Old-Tenor each: Whereupon the said Assembly ordered the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* to take them into his Custody, and let them out to some Persons upon the best Terms he could, for a Sum sufficient to discharge said Debts, and such Cost as had or should arise; yet nevertheless he the said *John Anthony Angel* hath never been able to get a Farthing of his said Debts: And therefore as the General Assembly were pleased to interpose in the Affair, so that the Petitioner was deprived of his Servants, and his Debts will be utterly lost, unless some Method be found out for his Relief: And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Anthony Angel* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Ninety Pounds Old-Tenor, for his aforesaid Servants taken from him as aforesaid.

*An ACT for raising the Prices of Ferriage at several Ferries  
in this Colony.*

WHEREAS the Prices of Ferriage as now stated, are found too low: *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted*, That for the future the Prices to be taken for Ferriage at the several Ferries, shall be as followeth, to wit:

At Major's Ferry, for a Person, *six Pence*; for a Horse, *six Pence*; all neat Cattle, *one shilling*: Sheep, Swine, and Calves, *three pence*; every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *three shillings*.

At Fuller's Ferry at the lower End of Providence, for every Person, *six pence*; every Horse, *six pence*; all Neat Cattle, *one shilling*; Sheep, Calves, and Swine, *three pence*; a Horse and Chair, or chaise, *three shillings*.

At Kelly's and Miller's Ferries in Warren, for every Person, *eight pence*; for every Horse, *eight pence*; all Neat Cattle, *one shilling and four pence*; every Sheep, Swine, or Calf, *two pence*; for every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *four shillings*.

At Bristol Ferry, for every Person, *one shilling*; for every Horse, *one shilling*; all Neat Cattle, *two shillings and six pence*; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, *four pence*; for every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *ten shillings*; for a Four-wheel Chaise, *twelve shillings*.

At Borden's Ferry, for every Person, *one shilling*; for every Horse, *one shilling*; all Near Cattle, *two shillings and six pence*; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, *four pence*; for every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *ten shillings*; a Four-wheel Chaise, *twelve shillings*.

At Anthony's or Howland's Ferries, for every Person, *eight pence*; every Horse, *eight pence*; all Neat Cattle, *one shilling and six pence*; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, *three pence*; every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *eight shillings*.

At Cook's and Almy's Ferry, for every Person, *one shilling and six pence*; every Horse, *one shilling and six pence*; all Neat Cattle, *two shillings and six pence*; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, *six pence*; every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *ten shillings*.

At Wall's, Frecknor's, Pierce's, and Lawson's Ferries, for every Person, *two Shillings*; for every Horse, *two shillings*; all Neat Cattle, *three shillings*; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, *six pence*; for every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *ten shillings*.

At the Ferries from Newport to Jamestown, for every Person, *one shilling*; for every Horse, *three shillings*; all Neat Cattle, *three shillings*; every Sheep and Calf, *six pence*; every Swine, *eight pence*; every Horse and Chair, or Chaise, *twelve shillings*: And the same Ferriage to be taken from Jamestown to Newport; and also from Jamestown to North and South-Kingstown, and from North and South-Kingstown to Jamestown.

*An ACT in Addition to an ACT of the General Assembly, made and passed on the Seventeenth Day of February, A. D. 1745. entitled, An ACT for regulating Appeals to His Majesty in Council in Great-Britain, and for repealing the former ACT made for that Purpose.*

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Publication of this ACT, no Defendant in any Suit at Law in this Colony, the Foundation whereof being a Bond conditioned for the Payment of Money only, shall have Leave to Appeal from the Judgment of such Court, where such Action shall be tried, to His Majesty in Council: But that the last judgment of the Superior Court of Judicature in this Colony, as Trials now stand, regulated by the Laws of this Colony, shall in all such Causes be final. And furthermore, that in all Appeals to His Majesty in Council from this Colony, if the Appellant doth not obtain a Reversal of the Judgment appealed from, or fails in Prosecuting such Appeal, the Appellee in such Cause may by Action of the Case recover all just and reasonable Costs and Damages: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.*

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**W**Hereas sundry Sums of Money appear to be due to the Colony upon Mortgage-Deeds, Tenth-Bonds, and Interest-Bonds, for which Writs have been issued out, and returned *non est*; and for Judgments of Court and Executions returned satisfied, tho' the Money hath not been paid into the proper Offices of the Government.

For the Recovery whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney General forthwith put in Suit all such Mortgage-Deeds, Tenth-Bonds, Interest-Bonds, and Judgments of Court, and collect the Money due for Executions returned satisfied as aforesaid, and use all lawful Means for procuring a speedy Payment of the Money due thereon, into the respective Offices of the Grand Committee or General Treasurer, as the same shall belong to either of them; and that he render an Account of his Proceedings when required, to the General Assembly, or to such Persons as they shall appoint.*

*And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, and the General Treasurer, deliver to the Attorney General all such Mortgage-Deeds, Tenth-Bonds, and Interest-Bonds, in their respective Offices, as he shall think necessary to put in Suit as aforesaid.*

Whereas *James Reynolds* represented unto this Assembly, that he is now confined to His Majesty's Goal in Providence, on an Execution sued out against him by the Grand Committee for Money due to the Colony on a Tenth-Bond: That since he mortgaged his Land to the Government,

Government, he sold it unto Mr. *William Weaver*, who by Agreement was to pay the Money for which the Land was to mortgaged, and thereupon prayed for Relief: And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office put in Suit the Mortgage given for the Security of the aforesaid Money.

Whereas *David Herenden*, of *Smithfield*, represented unto this Assembly, That some Years past he gave several Bonds for Bank-Money to the Grand Committee, and afterwards sold the Land (which he had mortgaged for said Money), to one *Jeremiah Brown*, who gave a Sett of Bonds to the Grand Committee, in Lieu of his the said *David's* aforesaid Bonds: but thro' some Mistake or Neglect of the Committee of the Town of *Smithfield*, the Bonds given by the said *Brown*, were Lodged in the Grand Committee's Office, without taking up or cancelling his the said *David's* Bonds, as they ought to have been: That both Setts of the said Bonds are annually sent to *Providence*, and the said *David* hath been often sued, and put to great Charges, and still is liable to be put to more, unless relieved by this Assembly: And thereupon the said *David* prayed, that as there appears two Setts of Bonds for the same Sum, that such of his Bonds as remain behind and and unpaid, may be delivered up, and that he may be also allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Money that hath been wrongfully taken as aforesaid. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed to inquire into the Circumstances of the Matters and Things aforesaid, and make Report to this Assembly, at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney General, *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; and Capt. *Eliasha Brown*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to make the Draught of a Letter to be sent to our Agent in *Great-Britain*, Instructing him with respect to a Bill now pending in Parliament, about Paper Bills of Credit, &c. to defend us against a Complaint lately sent Home against the Government, by sundry Merchants and others, in this Colony; and to desire the Agent to procure and send to this Government, a Copy of the said Complaint, with the Signers Names: But that the said Draught when made, be not sent until it be laid before this Assembly.

*It is also Voted and Resolved*. That *Daniel Jencks*, and *Nathanael Lewis*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to inquire into the Number of Iron-Works, &c. in this Colony, as directed from Home, and make Report to His Honour the Governor, in order that he may give proper Answers to the Letters he has receiv'd on that Head, as soon as may be.

Both Houses resolved into a Grand Committee, and chose the following Officers, to wit;

*Daniel Howland*, Esq;  
*Joseph Nichols*, Esq;  
*John Fry*, Esq;  
*John Greene*, Esq;  
*Rufus Greene*, Esq;

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and of the County of Kent, for the remaining Part of the Year, to wit, 'till the next General Election.

Mr. *Sam Walton*, jun. Clerk of the said Court : And Capt. *Thomas Spenser*, Sheriff of the County aforesaid, for and during the Time above-mentioned.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of the Committees of the several Towns, for the Management of the Colony's Money, let, or to be let on Loan, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

*The following Report was made by the Gentlemen who have subscribed it.*

“ **W**e the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to inspect into Mortgages and Bonds, from time to time, in the Grand Committee's Office, do Report, “ That we have taken all possible Care and Pains from time to time, in inspecting into said Mortgages and Bonds, according to said Appointment; and agreeable to Act of Assembly, have taken a List of Mortgage Deeds, and have got the same printed, and have set up Advertisements in the several Towns where said Mortgage Deeds belong: Upon which sundry Persons have brought their Bonds to said Committee, and upon comparing them with the Mortgage Deeds, it hath appeared to the Satisfaction of the Committee, that said Mortgage Deeds ought to be discharged: All which Mortgages so appearing, the Committee hath laid by themselves in said Office; a List of which we herewith present, with the remaining List of Mortgages not comply'd with. Witness our Hands in New-  
port, this 27th October, 1750.

“ *Peter Davis,*  
“ *Simon Pease,*  
“ *George Wanton,*  
“ *Thomas Cranston,*  
“ *James Sheffield.*”

*A List of Mortgage Deeds laid by in the Grand Committee's Office, which appear to have been paid.*

John Ross,	£. 140	William Brown,	£. 83
Adam Caley,	60	William Brown,	166
John Rice,	100	William Clagget,	40
John Potter,	83	Daniel Updike,	250
Joseph Edmonds,	30	Daniel Updike,	250
Thomas Rice,	50	John Potter,	50
Joseph Stafford,	28	James Hawlings,	45
John Holden,	50	William Brown,	100
John Rice,	50	Peter Mawney,	90
Rebecca Tibbits,	100	Elisha Johnson,	50
John Olney, jun.	50	Jon. Nichols & Ja. Mayes,	450
William Brown,	95	William Sunderland,	44
John Manchester,	170	Robert Greene,	145
George Hazard, jun.	80	<del>Robert Greene.</del>	<del>145</del>
Robert Browning,	108	sd B. John Jones,	
Ephraim Gardner,	83	John Reynolds,	25
Daniel Sunderland,	25	Job Harris,	200
Mayes Nichols,	100	Daniel Greene,	
Rowse Helme,	27	Richard Knight,	100
		And	

And this Assembly having taken the said Report <sup>in</sup> Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

*And it is also farther Voted and Resolved*, That George Wanton, Peter Bouris, Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield, Esqrs. be further continued a Committee to inspect into Mortgages and Bonds from time to time, in the Grand Committee's Office: And also to audit the Accounts of Benjamin Nickols, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office.

Whereas the Committee aforesaid, that inspected into the Mortgages and Bonds in the Grand Committee's Office, exhibited the following Account, to wit;

“ *The Colony of Rhode-Island. to George Wanton, Peter Bouris, Simon Pease, Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield, - - - - - Dr —*

“ **T**o our Time and Trouble in inspecting into Mortgages and Bonds in the Grand Committee's Office, and for getting the Advertisements and List of the Mortgages printed, and for waiting upon Persons from time to time at said Office; for all which Services. we charge Fifteen Pounds per Man. £. 75 0 0

Newport, Octob. 27. 1750.

“ Peter Bouris,  
“ Simon Pease,  
“ George Wanton,  
“ Thomas Cranston,  
“ James Sheffield.”

And this Assembly having taken into Consideration, and duly examined said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and the Sum of Seventy-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid the above named Gentlemen out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Kent make Use of His Majelty's Goal in the Town of Providence, for confining Prisoners, &c. until a Goal be built in the said County of Kent: And that the Sheriff of the County of Providence be, and he is hereby fully impowered to execute and finish all Executions in his Hands, as fully and effectually in every Respect, as he should have done, had not the said County of Kent been erected and set off.

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An ACT ascertaining the Number of Jurors to be sent by the Towns in the County of Kent, to the several Courts in that County.

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That the several Towns within the County of Kent, tend to the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, as the same shall be held from time to time in that County, the following Number of Jurors, to wit; *East-Greenwich*, four Grand and four Petit Jurors; *Warwick*, three Grand and four Petit Jurors; *West-Greenwich*, three Grand and two Petit Jurors; and *Coventry*,

*Coventry, three Grand and two Petit Jurors: And that each of the said Towns send the same Number of Grand and Petit Jurors to the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, as by this Act they are obliged to send to the Superior Court, &c. above-mentioned; and that as often as the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, shall be held within and for said County.*

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send Copies of the said Acts and Orders now made and past, and of those also that were made and past at the last Session in Newport, unto each Town in the Colony, according to Law, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: That all those Persons that were cited to appear at the General Assembly, which was to have been held at Newport, by Adjournment, on the Twenty-fourth Day of September last, but fell thro', be cited to appear before this Assembly at their next Session, for the same Purposes as they were cited to appear before the Assembly that fell through as aforesaid: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the first Monday in December next.*

## GOD Save the KING.

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THOMAS WARD, Secy.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New England, in America; begun and held by Adjournment at Providence, the first Monday of December, in the Year of Our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty: And in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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     RICHMOND;  
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 Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

**B**EFORE this Assembly was read an Act of Parliament, entituled, *An Act to encourage the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron from His Majesty's Colonies in America; and to prevent the Erection of any Mill, or other Engine, for slitting or rolling of Iron, or any Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making Steel, in any of the said Colonies:* As also the Letter and Instructions from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations. And the same being taken into Consideration, This Assembly is well assured, that there is not in this Colony, any such Mill or Engine for slitting or rolling of Iron, or any Plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making Steel, as mentioned and expressed in said Act. *And therefore it is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby

hereby requested to inform the Right Honourable and Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, of the same, as soon as conveniently may be.

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, hath receiv'd of the Committee who sold the two Ferries lately belonging to the Colony, on the West Side of *Jamestown*, two Bonds given by *Abel Franklin*, one for Three Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, and the other for his faithful Complyance with all Acts of Assembly made for regulating the Ferries; and also for the Sum of One Hundred Pounds in Cash, for the Use of the Government, as appears by the Receipt of the Treasurer, delivered to this Assembly by said Committee: *Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Receipt be, and it is hereby accepted, and lodged with the Secretary.

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, hath receiv'd of the Committee who sold the two Ferries lately belonging to the Colony, on the West Side of *Jamestown*, two Bonds given by *Stephen Willcox*, one for Seven Hundred and Eighty Pounds, and the other for his faithful Complyance with all Acts of Assembly made for regulating the Ferries; and also for the Sum of Twenty Pounds in Cash, for the Use of the Government, as appears by the Receipt of the Treasurer, delivered to this Assembly by said Committee: *Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Receipt be, and it is hereby accepted, and lodged with the Secretary.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Coggeshall*, and *Immanuel Northup* Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle with *Thomas Spenser of Jamestown*, respecting Arrearages of Rent due to the Colony, and receive the Ballance, and lodge it in the General Treasury, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly at their next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messis. *Robert Gibbs*, *Joseph Sheldon*, and *Stephen Remington*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery set up for building a Bridge over *Pawtuxet River*, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly.

Whereas *David Cumstock*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, and Expences, in issuing Warrants against, examining, and binding over to Court, Persons suspected to be guilty of counterfeiting Bills of Credit; for returning the Recognizances to, and attending on the Superior Court of Judicature in *Providence*, &c. in the Year 1748: Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that the Amount thereof being Forty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, be paid unto the said *David Cumstock* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *William Arnold*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Expences, in going two Journeys to two several Courts in the County of *Worcester*, in the Years 1745 and 1746, in order to give Evidence against one *Israel Keith*, for passing Counterfeit Bills, in Imitation of the true Bills of Credit emitted by this Government; for examining, and binding over to Court, *Daniel Walling*, *Samuel Cook*, and *Daniel Phillips*, for making and passing Counterfeit Bills; and for going two Journeys to *Providence* in the Year 1748, where he attended as a Witness, by Order of the Superior Court, &c. Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Fifty Pounds Nine Shillings the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Arnold* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas his Honour the Deputy Governor, and *Beriah Brown*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for Cash paid Mr. *George Gardner* for Boards to repair the Goal House in *Kings County*, and for carting the same, in June last: Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds Four Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto his Honour the Deputy Governor, and the said *Beriah Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas an Account was exhibited to this Assembly, charged by *Capt. Joseph Oney*, against *John Mauney*, Esq. for making and mending Glaies for the County House and Goal in *Providence*: And this Assembly having duly examined and considered said Account, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds Nine Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *John Mauney* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Capt. Nathaniel Lewis* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Expences, in viewing and measuring the Bridges in *Kings County*: Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Lewis* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Ulrich*, a Constable, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, and Expences, in apprehending *Israel Inman*, and others, suspected to be guilty of counterfeiting Bills of Credit, in the Year 1748: Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be, and it is hereby

hereby allowed, and that Twelve Pounds Three Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Aldrich* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Lapbam*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, and Expenses, in examining *Daniel Walling*, and delivering him over to the Authority of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, for passing Counterfeit Bills of that Province, in the Year 1748 ; and also in taking an Account of the Bridges : Which Account being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Lapbam* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Messrs, *Thomas Cranston*, *John Tillinghast*, and *Joseph Whipple*, were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Gentlemen that were appointed to pay off the Officers and Soldiers raised for the Expedition intended against *Canada* ; but have not yet been able to perform that Service : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the above-named Gentlemen be, and they are hereby continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid ; and that they audit the Accounts of those Gentlemen separately, receive the Ballance of said Accounts, and deposit the same in the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Governor draw Bills upon Mr. Agent *Partridge*, for the Sum of Seventeen Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling, in his Hands ; and that *George Wanton*, *Jonathan Nichols*, *Peter Bourne*, *Thomas Cranston*, and *Daniel Jencks*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to sell and dispose of said Bills, when drawn ; and also to receive of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; and Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, the Money which the Agent hath drawn upon them for, provided they will give the same Advance as the others do, who shall purchase the Bills to be drawn by his Honour the Governor ; otherwise the Bills drawn on Mr. *Wanton*, and Capt. *Chaloner* as aforesaid, shall be returned to the Agent, and his Honour the Governor draw on him for the Sums expressed in his said Bills.

Whereas the Committee that was appointed to form the Draught of a Letter to be sent from this Government to Mr. Agent *Partridge*, have performed that Service, and presented this Assembly with one ; which being duly considered, this Assembly do approve thereof : *And thereupon it is Voted and Resolved*, That a fair Copy of the same be drawn, to be signed by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent by the first good Opportunity.

Whereas this Assembly, at their Session in *Providence*, the last Wednesday of October last, made and past an Act, entituled, *An Act in Addition to an Act of the General Assembly, made and past on the seventeenth Day of*

of February, A. D. 1746, entitled, *An Act for regulating Appeals to His Majesty in Council in Great-Britain, and for repealing the former Act made for that Purpose.* Part of which Act last made, is expressed in Terms so general, that it may be contriv'd to look back, and take Effect in Actions brought, before said Act was past: This Assembly therefore having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote, Resolve, and Declare, and it is Voted, Resolved, and Declared,* That it was not their Intent, Meaning, or Design, when they voted and passed the said Act last made, that the same should retrospect, nor shall it retrospect, or take Effect, in any Action; the original Writ whereof, bears Date before the said Act last past, was voted and passed: Any Thing therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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*An ACT for setting up a Lottery to raise a Sum of Money, in order to build a Bridge over Pawtucket River, between the Towns of Smithfield and Cumberland, in this Colony.*

**W**HEREAS a Number of Gentlemen, Merchants, and others, have represented unto this Assembly, that as there is a large Number of Inhabitants in the Towns of *Cumberland, Attleborough, Wrentham, and Billingham*, to whom the Town of *Providence* is the Market Town, whither they carry almost all they have to sell; and that there is a large River runs between the first mentioned Towns, and the Town of *Providence*, so large, that at most Times in the Year, it is not fordable for Teams or Horses; by Means whereof, the Inhabitants of all said Towns are very greatly incommoded, &c. Whereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant that a Lottery may be set forth (in such Manner, under such Regulations, and managed by such Persons as shall be thought proper), to raise a sufficient Sum, that may reasonably afford a Deduction of Two Thousand Pounds Old Tenor, to be appropriated to building a Bridge over said River, at or near the Land of Capt: *David Whipple* in *Cumberland*. And this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted*, That for the End and Purpose aforesaid, a Lottery of Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, may be set up, subject to a Deduction of Ten per Cent, to consist of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-five Tickets, at Four Pounds each; fourteen Hundred of which shall be fortunate in the following Manner. to wit :

10	to draw Prizes of £. 500 each, is	£. 5000
10	200	2000
20	100	2000
40	50	2000
50	40	2000
100	20	2000
1170	10	11700
1400		£. 26700
Blanks	5275	
6675		And

*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Capt. Oodiah Brown, of Providence; Capt. David Whipple, and John Dexter, Esq; of Cumberland; and Mr. Paul Tew, of Providence, be, and they are hereby constituted Directors or Managers of the Lottery to be set up as aforesaid; and upon their giving Bond with Sureties, to the General Treasurer of the Colony, in the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds, for the faithful Dilcharge of their Trust, shall be, and hereby are invested with full Power and Authority, to do, act, transact, and finish all and every Matter and Matter, Thing and Things, necessary to begin, carry on, and compleat the Lottery aforesaid, and to build the intended Bridge, and shall be allowed Two and half per Cent. for their Trouble, in procuring said Lottery to be filled and drawn, and for appropriating the Remainder of the Sum deducted from the Produce of said Lottery, which will be Two Thousand and Two Pounds Ten Shillings Old Tenor, towards building the proposed Bridge, in such Manner, and at such Place, as the said Directors, and a like Number to be chosen by the Petitioners, shall think best; and that the said Directors shall render an Account of their Proceedings in the whole Affair, to the General Assembly of this Colony, whenever they shall be by them thereunto called.*

*And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Lottery shall be drawn at the House of Capt. David Whipple in Cumberland, on the second Monday of May next: Notice of which shall be given by the Directors in the publick Prints, fourteen Days before said Time; but that no Tickets shall be disposed of until the first Day of February next.*

**W**HEREAS Job Bennet, jun. exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Fourteen Pounds, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in bringing a Facket to his Honour the Governor, from Newport to Providence: Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds of the said Account be allowed and paid the said Job Bennet out of the General Treasury.*

*An ACT establishing and appointing the Quota of Jurors to be sent by the several Towns in the County of Providence, to the future Courts within the same.*

**B**E IT ENACTED by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted. That for the future, the several Towns in the County of Providence, shall send to the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, as the same shall from time to time be held in said County, the following Number of Jurors, to wit: Providence, four Grand and three Petit Jurors; Smithfield, four Grand and two Petit Jurors; Scituate, two Grand and three Petit Jurors; Gloucester, two Grand and two Petit Jurors; and Cumberland, one Grand and*

and two Petit Jurors: And that said Towns, and each of them, shall send the like Number of Grand Jurors, as by this Act it is above appointed for each of them, to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and the same Number of Petit Jurors, as by this Act is above appointed for each of them, to the Interior Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Providence, at every Session of said Courts: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

*And it is Voted and Resolved*, That this Act be forthwith proclaimed; which was accordingly done by the Secretary.

Whereas *James Reynolds* represented unto this Assembly, That he hath been confined to His Majesty's Goal in Providence, ever since the Month of June last, for a Debt due to the Colony, amounting, with the Charges, to Eighteen Pounds; and being unable to pay the same, he prayed that his own Bond may be taken for said Debt and Costs, and he be let out of Prison. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said *James Reynolds* shall be let out of Prison, he paying his Prison Fees, and giving Bond to the Grand Committee for the aforesaid Sum of Eighteen Pounds, to be paid in two Years.

Whereas *Thomas Relpb*, jun. of *Scituate*, in the County of Providence, in Behalf of himself and Company, represented unto this Assembly, That they went out to hunt Wolves, and on the sixteenth Day of November last, he the said *Relpb* shot at a blackish coloured Wolf, in *Scituate* aforesaid, but did not follow him: Afterwards such a Wolf was found dead, which they apprehend to be the same that said *Relpb* shot at; but not having the Proof by Law required, to entitle them to the Bounty, he prayed to have the same Allowance out of the General Treasury, as he should have, were the Wolf killed in Sight. And this Assembly having taken the subject Matter of the said Petition into Consideration, and made due Enquiry into the Truth thereof, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Sessions in *August* and *October* last, and for furnishing Paper for the Work: Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Fifty-two Pounds Four Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honour the Deputy Governor, *Benjamin Tucker*, *James Honyman*, and *Immanuel Northup*, Esqrs. Messrs. *Benjamin Peckham*, jun. and *Joseph Lippit*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to take the Affair of

of the Paper Currency into Consideration, and present a Bill or Bills to this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas *Benjamin Gorkam* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly, at this and their late Session, for Fire-wood, &c. Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed, and that the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Seven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Gorkam* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Drawing of the Lottery which the Government has allowed *Col. Joseph Pendleton* to set up, be, and it is hereby postponed to the last Day of March next, unless it be filled before.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Richard Steere*, Esq; be, and he is hereby chosen the fifth Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and of the County of *Providence*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of Committees of the several Towns, for the Management of the Colony's Money, let, or to be let on Loan, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

Whereas *Israel Phillips*, of *Smithfield*, in the County of *Providence*, Yeoman, presented a Petition unto this Assembly, setting forth, That in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two, he was convicted of *having a Hand in bad Money*; for which he was obliged to give Security to the General Treasurer, that he would exchange all the bad Bills he had passed, and which should be brought to the General Treasurer within a certain Time then limited, which is long since elapsed: And that he the said *Israel* did deposit One Hundred Pounds in the Hands of *Daniel Jencks*, Esq; and *Capt. Richard Sayles*, to be his Bonds-men in that Respect: Whereupon he prayed that a Committee may be appointed to enquire what Money is due on said Bond, &c. On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours*, and *Joseph Whipple*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to enquire into the Premises, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas the Act of Assembly appointing Courts to be held in the County of *Kent*, the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, is to be held but once in a Year, to wit, in *October*, whereby Creditors may be kept out of their just Debts much longer than is reasonable.

For Prevention whereof,

*Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That there shall be annually held in the said County of *Kent*,

on the third Tuesday of April, one other Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery.

*I: is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: And that the Secretary proclaim in Newport by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send Copies of them unto each Town in the Colony, according to Law, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday in March next.*

## GOD Save the KING.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANIE of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held by Adjournment at Providence, on the third Monday of March, in the Year of Our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty: And in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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*Benjamin Hickes, Esq;*  
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*Capt. John Greene,*  
*Thomas Rice, Esq;*  
*Mr. Joseph Lippit,*  
*Major Stephen Low.*  
 WESTERLY;  
*Col. Joseph Pendleton,*  
 NEWSHOREHAM;  
 None.  
 NORTH-KINGSTOWN;  
*Col. Immanuel Northup,*  
*Beriah Brown, Esq;*  
 SOUTH-KINGSTOWN;  
*Jeremiah Niles, Esq;*  
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*Job Randal, Esq;*  
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*Major Richard Smith.*  
*Capt. Timothy Wilmet.*  
 CHARLESTOWN;  
*Col. Christopher Champlin,*

Capt. Nathanael Lewis.  
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*Mr. John Greene (Son of John).*  
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*Elisha Johnson, Esq;*  
*Samuel Cooper, Esq;*  
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*Mr. Benjamin Mowrey.*  
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*Samuel Tift, Esq;*  
*Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.*

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

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*IT IS VOTED AND RESOLVED*, That the Drawing of the Lottery which the Government hath allowed Col. *Joseph Pendleton* to set up, be, and it is hereby farther postponed to the twentieth Day of May next, unless it be filled sooner.

Whereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for furnishing Paper, and printing the Acts and Orders made and past by this Assembly, at their Session in December last: Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed; and that Eighteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT in Addition to an ACT, entituled, An ACT prohibiting Sports and Labour on the first Day of the Week, made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, begun and held at Newport, the fifth Day of May, 1679.*

WHEREAS in and by said ACT, it is declared, That no Person or Persons within this Colony, shall do or exercise any Labour, or Business, or Work, of their ordinary Calling; nor use any Game, Sport, Play, or Recreation, on the first Day of the Week, nor suffer the same to be done by their Children, Servants, or Apprentices (Works of Necessity and Charity only excepted), on the Penalty of *Five Shillings* for every such Offence. And that whosoever shall improve, set to Work, or encourage any other Person's Servants to commit any of the aforesaid Offences, shall suffer the like Punishment as aforesaid.

And whereas the Penalty provided in and by said ACT, is so small, that Persons usually guilty of said Offences, do not regard the same.

For the more effectual preventing such immoral and irreligious Practices,

*B E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is hereby Enacted, That whosoever shall for the future, contrary to the said ACT, do or exercise any Labour, or Business, or Work, of their ordinary Calling; or use any Game, Sport, Play, or Recreation, on the fifth Day of the Week, or any Part thereof, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for the first Offence; and upon a second Conviction, every such Person shall forfeit double the said Sum: And in Case any Offender mentioned in this ACT, shall be unable, or refuse to satisfy and pay his or her Fine, he or she shall be adjudged to be set in the Cage or Stocks, not exceeding three Hours, according to the Discretion of the Justices.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Fines and Forfeitures that shall arise by this ACT, shall be disposed of, as by the said Law is already provided: Any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

THE Committee appointed to inspect into Mortgages and Bonds from time to time, in the Grand Committee's Office, made the following Report:

“ Memorandum. February 28. 1750-1.

*Mortgage, Eighty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed given by *Robert Eldred* of *North-Kingstown*, in the second Bank, for Eighty Pounds., said *Eldred* produced eight Bonds with the last Bond, paid. We are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged; and have laid it by in the Grand Committee's Office.

*Mortgage, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.* Upon examining *Christopher Champlin's* Mortgage Deed, said Mortgage Deed was given for Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds; and upon said Mortgage there were but four Indorsements: But said *Champlin* produced the two last Bonds paid. We are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage, One Hundred and Eighty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Joseph Peckham's* of *Newport*, said *Peckham* produc'd the

the last Bond paid ; and no Bonds appearing in the Grand Committee's Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Simon Rays* of *New-Scarebam*, said *Ray* produc'd sundry Bonds, with the last Bond paid ; and no Bonds appearing in the Grand Committee's Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage Deed ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Eight Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Anthony Eldred* of *Kingstown*, said *Eldred* produc'd the last Bond but one ; and the last Bond being sued and paid, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; Seventy Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Thomas Jackwise* of *North-Kingstown*, said *Jackwise* produced the last Bond paid. We are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *John Weeks* of *Warwick*, said *Weeks* produc'd all the Bonds. Said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Moses Burlingham* of *Providence*, in the second Bank, said *Burlingham* produc'd one Bond paid ; and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Newport, March 1. 1750-1.*

*Mortgage ; Two Hundred Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Margaret Holmes* of *Middletown*, we find that *Mr. Job Lawton* hath paid the Bonds that answer with the above Mortgage. Said *Lawton* produced three of the Bonds paid ; and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; Seventy Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *William Corey* of *Portsmouth*, in the second Bank, we find that the Bonds lay in *Nathanael Hall's* Name, and were taken up and paid by *Capt. Job Almy*, deceas'd. We have compared said Bonds with said Mortgage, and find they agree ; and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *Benjamin Hall's* of *Portsmouth*, in the second Bank, we find that the Bonds lay in *Nathanael Hall's* Name, and were taken up and paid by *Capt. Job Almy*, deceas'd. We have compar'd said Bonds with said Mortgage, and find they agree ; and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Mortgage ; One Hundred and Sixty Pounds.* Upon examining a Mortgage Deed of *George Hall's* of *Portsmouth*, in the second Bank, we find that the Bonds lay in *Nathanael Hall's* Name, and were taken up and paid by *Job Almy*, deceas'd. We have compared said Bonds with said Mortgage, and find they agree ; and no Bonds appearing in the Office, we are of Opinion said Mortgage ought to be discharged.

*Newport, March 1. 1750-1.* Peter Bours,  
George Wanton, }  
Thomas Cranston, } Committee.  
James Sheffield,

With

With which Report, the Committee presented the following Account.

*The Colony, - - - - - Dr.----*

**T**O our Time and Trouble in inspecting into the within  
List of Mortgages, *£. 12 0 0*

Newport, March 1. 1750-1.

*Peter Bours,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield,  
George Wanton.*

And now this Assembly having taken the foregoing Report and Account into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted: And that the said Account be allowed, and the Sum of Twelve Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid out of the General Treasury, unto the aforesigned *Peter Bours, George Wanton, Thomas Cranston, and James Sheffield, Esqrs.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee, to wit, *Peter Bours, Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and George Wanton, Esqrs.* who were appointed to inspect into Mortgages and Bonds from time to time, in the Grand Committee's Office, be, and they are hereby continued a Committee for that Purpose.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, presented this Assembly with the following Account by them stated, and added their Report unto it.

*Benjamin Nichols, Esq; one of the Grand Committee,  
to the Colony. - - - - - Dr---*

**1750-1.** **T**O the Ballance of Account, as per Re-  
port, dated August 19. 1749. *£. 4587 11 17 6*  
Feb. 28. **T**o Henry Knowles's Mortgage Deed, *3000 0 0*  
*£. 4617 11 17 6*

*Contra. - - - - - Cr.---*

**B**Y Cash paid to *Peter Bours, Simon Pease, Thomas Cranston, George Wanton, and James Sheffield, Esqrs.* a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, who burnt the same; as per Report, dated February 22. 1749-50.

By a Mistake in *John Angel's Mortgage Deed, and Richard Coman's Bonds,* *200 0 0*

By a Mistake in *Caleb Clark's Mortgage Deed, given in Exchange for one of Isaac Sheffield's, in the fourth Bank, and Bonds given by said Clark,* *97 0 0*

By a Mistake in *Joseph Scott's Mortgage Deed, given in Exchange for one of Stephen Tallman's, in the sixth Bank,* *10 0 0*

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By Cash paid to *Peter Bours, Thomas Cranston, James Sheffield, and George Wanton, Esqrs.* a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, who burnt the same,

By the Amount of *Henry Knowles's Mortgage Deed*, delivered to said Committee in Cash, who burnt the same,

Ballance in the Hands of *Benjamin Nickols, Esq.* 425979 18 11

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**W**e the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Nickols, Esq.* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, and to receive of him such Bills of Credit in his Hands, as have been paid into said Office, and to burn the same, Report, That we have examined into said *Nickols's* Accounts, and do find that there is at present in the Hands of said *Benjamin Nickols, Esq.* as a Ballance, Four Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eleven Pence (as appears by the above Account), in Mortgages and Bonds, including in said Ballance, a Number of Tenth Bonds sent out on the Main-land, to be put in Suit. We also Report, That we have receiv'd of *Benjamin Nickols, Esq.* Twenty-two Thousand and Five Hundred and Two Pounds, in Bills of the Old-Tenor, as he is credited for in the above Account, and have burnt the same. All which we submit to the Honourable General Assembly.

Newport, February 29. 1750-1.

*Peter Bours,  
George Wanton,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield."*

And the said Committee subjoined to their said Report, the following Account.

**T**he Colony to the Committee, - Dr.---  
To our Time and Trouble for ten Days,

£. 120 0 0

*Peter Bours,  
George Wanton,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report of the said Committee, be, and it is hereby accepted; and that their aforesaid Account be allowed, and One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas an Account was exhibited to this Assembly, charged by *Ebenezer Jencks*, against *Jabez Bowen, Esq.* (who employed said *Jencks*), for repairing and mending the Bridge at *Patucket Falls*, in this Colony: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jabez Bowen* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT for promoting the raising Flax and Wool, and manufacturing the same into Cloth ; and also for giving a proper and suitable Encouragement for the carrying on the Whale and Cod Fishery ; and for those Ends, making and emitting the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Publick Credit of this Colony, and settling and ascertaining the Value thereof.*

WHEREAS it is conceiv'd, that giving a proper Encouragement for the raising of Flax and Wool, and manufacturing the same into Cloth, will greatly conduce to promote Frugality and Industry : And as a Consequence whereof, it may justly be expected, that the vacant Lands within this Colony, now unimprov'd, and lying waste (occasioned in some Measure by the late long and tedious War), may be greatly improv'd to the Advantage and Interest of His Majesty's Subjects, the Inhabitants of this Colony ; and they under such better Circumstances, be therefore enabled, in Case of another War, not only to defend and protect themselves, &c. but also greatly to distress and annoy His Majesty's Enemies in their Parts.

And whereas the carrying on the Whale and Cod Fishery within this Colony, will not only much promote and encrease the Trade and Commerce thereof, but amongst other Things, may be very beneficial to Merchants and others, trading to Great Britain, by furnishing them with proper Remittances for the Payment of such Goods and Merchandizes as the Inhabitants of this Colony may from time to time stand in Need of from thence. It is therefore conceived, that a proper Premium or Bounty may be necessary, as an Encouragement for the Purpose aforesaid.

And whereas the Colony hath been at great and expensive Costs and Charge in putting themselves in a Posture of Defence in the late War, and hat the Treasury is thereby near exhausted, and no Fund therein sufficient or adequate to answer such good, useful, and beneficial Ends and Purposes as are designed and intended by this A&T. It is apprehended therefore, that there is a Necessity of making and emitting the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Publick Credit, of the Tenor and Form hereafter expressed.

And whereas it hath been found by sad Experience, that one great and principal Cause of the Depreciation of the Bills of Publick Credit already emitted, hath been owing to the ~~indirect~~ and illegal Practices of sundry Persons giving and offering from time to time, for Gold, and Silver, and Bills of Exchange, for Sterling Money, greater and larger Sums, and Proportions of the Bills of Publick Credit of this Colony, than was provided for, stated, and allowed for such Silver and Gold, at the respective Times the several Emissions were made ; and which not only sunk in Value such Bills of Publick Credit, to the Injury and Oppression of many poor Widows, Orphans, and others, but thereby the Gold and Silver hath been drawn and carried out of this Colony, to the great Discouragement and Prejudice of Trade and Commerce ; and which Practices are still carrying on : It is therefore conceiv'd of the highest Importance, that such evil Practices for the future be restrain'd. All which being duly considered,

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*BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Publick Credit, be forthwith impressed and emitted, equivalent to Silver, at and after the Rate of Six Shillings and Nine Pence per Ounce, Troy Weight of Sterling Alloy, or Gold Coin, at and after the Rate of Five Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence per Ounce; every Six Shillings and Nine Pence of which Bills, shall be equal to Fifty-four Shillings of the Old-Tenor, and shall be signed by the Grand Committee, or any three of them; and which Bills so signed, shall be put into the Hands of the Trustees of the several Towns, hereafter to be appointed, and to be by them let out upon Loan, at and after the Rate of Six Pounds per Cent. per Annum, for the Space of five Years; and after the Expiration of the said Period, the whole principal Sum to be paid in at five equal annual Payments, with the like Interest, excepting the last Year, for which no Interest is to be paid.*

*AND for the better Security of the said Monies, Principal and Interest, to the Colony, It is hereby further Enacted, That the said Trustees for the several Towns, are required to take good Land Security for double the Sum of the Principal let, and Interest thereon; whereby the Mortgagors shall oblige themselves to pay the principal Sum let, and Interest thereon accruing, in the Bills emitted as aforesaid, or in Silver and Gold equivalent thereto, according to their respective Proportions as aforesaid, such Mortgage to express the punctual Payment of Interest and Principal: And as a collateral Security, the said Trustees are ordered to take personal Security from the Persons borrowing and taking said Bills, for the Payment of the Interest annually to the General Treasurer, and also for the principal Sum, payable to the Grand Committee.*

*AND for the End aforesaid, the Trustees of the several Towns hereby appointed, are to give personal Security to the Grand Committee to their Satisfaction, by one or more Sureties, to the Amount of the several Sums by them receiv'd, for the faithful Execution of their Trust and Office.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Bills of Publick Credit hereby emitted, be of the Denomination of Twenty-five Shillings, Fifteen Shillings, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, Three Shillings and Nine Pence, Two Shillings and Six Pence, One Shilling, Six Pence, and Three Pence, and of the following Tenor and Form.*

*BY a Law of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. made and pass'd the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of March, A. D. 1750, This Bill of due to the Possessor thereof from the Colony, shall pass current, and be equivalent to the respective Proportions of Silver and Gold, as are regulated and statuted in said Act, and shall be accordingly accepted by the Treasurer of said Colony, and the Receiver thereof, in all Payments. Providence, March the 18<sup>th</sup>, 1750.*

DEATH to counterfeit this Bill.

And

A N D for the more effectual preventing the Bills of Publick Credit formerly emitted, from farther depreciating, and being rendered less in Value, and for the settling and ascertaining the Value of the Bills hereby emitted, *Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted*, That if any Person or Persons in this Colony, either by themselves, or by the Procurement of others, wittingly or willingly, directly or indirectly, shall after the tenth Day of *May*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, contract for, settle, account, allow, receive, take, or pay, at any greater or higher Rate, for any Silver, Gold, or Bills of Exchange, than at which the same is hereby regulated, settled, and allowed, to be accounted, received, taken, or paid, contrary to the Directions herein contained, to wit, Six Shillings and Nine Pence of the Bills of Publick Credit hereby emitted, or Fifty-four Shillings of the Old-Tenor, or Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence of the New-Tenor, for each and every Ounce of Silver or Gold, according to its proportionate Value, for Bills of Exchange for Sterling Money, at and after the Rate of either Eleven Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, or Two Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds New Tenor, or One Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings in Bills hereby emitted, Advance on every Hundred Pounds Sterling, shall satisfy and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds of the Bills of Publick Credit hereby emitted, or in Gold and Silver equivalent thereto ; one Moiety whereof to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to and for the Use of the Colony, the other Moiety thereof to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Colony, or by Presentment of the Grand Jury where the Offence shall be committed ; and the Person so convicted, shall be excluded the Privileges of a Freeman of this Colony, and every Town therein.

*IT is also hereby Enacted*, That the several Courts of Judicature within this Colony, on Suits commenced for the Recovery of Damages, on protested Bills of Exchange, hereafter drawn or indorsed, or for the Recovery of Silver and Gold, on any Contract or Bargain hereafter to be made (Specialties only excepted), shall make up Judgment on the same, either for Sterling Money, Silver or Gold, or in Bills of Publick Credit heretofore and hereby emitted, according to the ~~Value~~<sup>Value</sup> of such Bills of Exchange, Gold and Silver, as are hereby regulated, stated, and allowed, and no otherwise.

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*IT is also hereby further Enacted*, That from and after the said tenth Day of *May*, no Clerk within this Colony, issue forth any Execution or Proces on any Judgment obtained in any of the Courts of Record, until the Party in whose Favour the same is obtained, if inhabiting or residing within this Colony, shall first make Oath or Engagement before such Clerk, or before any of the Judges of any of the Courts of Record, or Justices of the Peace in this Colony ; which Oath, when taken by the Judges or Justices, to be properly certified and return'd to such Clerk, that he hath not directly or indirectly, either by himself,

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or

or others, contracted for, given, taken, paid, accounted, or settled, for Gold, Silver, or Bills of Exchange, in any other Manner and Form than what is hereby regulated ; and the Clerk to certify on every Execution, that such Oath or Engagement hath been taken ; and any Executions granted contrary hereunto, are hereby declared null and void.

**A N D** that all Persons in this Colony, elected into any Office, shall, previous to their Entrance thereon, take the said Oath or Engagement, as a necessary Qualification thereto ; without which, such Persons shall be deemed utterly unqualified to enter upon the Execution of their respective Offices, until they have taken the Oath or Engagement aforesaid.

*IT is also further Enacted*, That all Persons whatsoever, not settled and allowed Inhabitants, that have or shall come into any Town in this Colony, with a Design and Intent to carry on any Trade and Commerce, shall take the Oath or Engagement aforesaid, before any of the Officers aforesaid, within ten Days after their Residence, or coming into such Town, upon the Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds in Bills hereby emitted, on their Refusal or Neglect ; to be recovered and disputed of in Manner as aforesaid.

#### FORM of the said OATH.

**T**OU A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm), That you have not wittingly or willingly, directly or indirectly, by yourself, or others, contracted for, given, taken, paid, accounted, or settled, for Gold, Silver, or Bills of Exchange, in any other Manner and Form than what is regulated and directed by this Act : And that you will for the future, faithfully and bona Fide, observe and comply with the Directions hereby stated, so long as the same shall be and continue in Force.

**A N D** for the Encouragement of raising Flax, and manufacturing the same into Cloth, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That from and after the Publication of this Act, there shall be paid out of the Publick Treasury, the Sum of One Penny Half-penny in Bills of Publick Credit hereby emitted, for every Pound of well cured and clean dressed Flax, of the Growth of this Colony, that shall be brought to the Surveyor or Surveyors, to be chosen by the Town for that Purpose ; the Quantity and Quality of Flax to be certified to the Treasurer, under the Hand of such Surveyor or Surveyors, who shall be paid by the Owner, One Shilling and Six Pence of this Faror, for every Hundred and Twelve Pounds they shall survey ; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity. And no Flax shall be accounted Merchantable, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, but such as shall be bright, well cured, and cleansed from the Swingle, fit for Use ; and so certified under the Hand of such Surveyors. And no Person shall be entitled to any Premium for Flax, till he hath made Oath or Engagement before such Surveyors, that said Flax is bona Fide, the Growth and Produce of this Colony ; and that he, nor any other Person, hath received the Premium for the same, or any Part thereof.

**AND**

*AND it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the Peace, at their respective General Sessions, in the several Counties, are hereby fully empowered, once every Year, as shall be by them assigned for that Purpose, view and examine all such Pieces of Linen made of Flax, of the Growth and Produce of this Colony (and within the several Counties wherein the said Justices have Jurisdiction), as shall be twenty Yards in Length, and one Yard in Width, that shall be brought before them, and chuse out of the same, three of the finest and best wrought Pieces, and set a just Estimate and Value thereon ; and upon the Oath or Engagement of the Owner, that the Flax grew, and the Linen was manufactured within this Colony, the said Justices are to certify the same to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay to the Owner of such Linen, the full Amount of one third Part of said Appraisal ; provided the said Linen be first cut in two Pieces, and in the Middle, by Order of said Court, and returned to the Owner.*

*AND for the Encouragement of raising Wool, and manufacturing the same into Cloth, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Publication of this Act, there shall be paid out of the Publick Treasury, the Sum of Six Pence of this Tenor, for every Pound of Sheep's Wool that shall be raised, and perfectly manufactured fit for Sale, into Broad Cloth, Duroy, Serge, or Camblet, the Sum of Three Pence for every Pound of Wool, manufactured into Flannel, within this Colony ; which Cloths so manufactured, shall be surveyed and weighed by the Surveyors of the Town where the said Cloths are manufactured ; and the said Surveyors shall certify the same to the General Treasurer, of the full Weight thereof, upon the Owner's making Oath or Engagement that the same was raised and manufactured within this Colony, and that he hath not himself, nor any other Person, received the Premium hereby granted ; which shall also be certified in said Certificate.*

*AND it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the several Courts aforesaid, shall at the Time assign'd for viewing and examining Linen Cloth as aforesaid, view and examine all such Pieces of Broad Cloth of the Growth and Produce of this Colony (and within the Counties wherein the said Justices have Jurisdiction), as shall be thirty Yards in length, and three Quarters of a Yard wide, after the same is fulled and pressed ; and also to view such Pieces of Cambler, Serge, or Duroy, being twenty-four Yards in length, as shall be brought before them, and out of the same chuse two of the finest and best wrought Pieces of each, and set a just Estimate and Value thereon ; and upon the Owner's making Oath or Engagement, that the same was the Produce of, and manufactured within this Colony, are to certify the same to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the Owner of such Cloths, the one third Part of the Value of said Appraisal, provided said Cloths be cut into two Pieces in the Middle, by Order of said Court, and returned to the Owner : Provided always, that the Fuller whose Property the Cloth may be, shall not be entitled to the Premium or Bounty hereby granted, unless the said Cloths shall be fulled or dressed by some other Fuller.*

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AND for the End aforesaid, *It is also Enacted*, That if any Clothier, Fuller, Weaver, or any Artificer, working in the Clothing Trade or Business, shall hereafter come into any Town within this Colony, with an Intent or Design to set up, follow, and practise such his Trade and Business, and shall accordingly pursue and work in the same, shall be exempt from paying any Rates or Taxes that may be affested and levied on the Inhabitants; and shall also be excused from doing any Publick Duties as the other Inhabitants of this Colony are ob'liged to do, for the Space of seven Years next after their coming into tuch Town.

AND for the Encouragement of the Whale and Cod Fishery, *Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted*, That there shall be paid out of the Publick Treasury, the Bounty of Four Shillings of this Tenor for every Barrel of Whale-Oil; One Shilling of this Tenor for every Pound of Whale-Bone; and Two Shillings and Six Pence of this Tenor for every Quintal of good Merchantable Cod-Fish which shall be caught in any Vessel belonging to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and failing out from thence, and by Fishermen residing therein, provided said Oil be tryed, and said Fish be made in this Colony, or the said Fish, Oil, or Whale-Bone be taken in the Vessels owned as aforesaid, and brought into this Government, and disputed of therein; which Premium or Bounty shall be paid to the Owner of such Fish, Oil, or Whale Bone, upon his making Oath before the Surveyor, to be elected by the Town where there shall be a Necessity thereof, for the Viewing and Examining of such Fish, Oil, or Whale-Bone, that the same was caught and owned in Manner as aforesaid, and that the same was good and merchantable; and the said Surveyor certifying to the General Treasurer, that the Owner hath complied with the Rules and Directions hereby laid down and stated: And the said Surveyor shall have and receive for his Fees in this Tenor, Three Pence for every Barrel of Oil, Three Pence for every Hundred Weight of Whale-Bone, and Three Pence for every Quintal of Cod-Fish, that he shall so view and examine.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all the several Bounties before mentioned, shall be paid out of the Interest arising on the Principal Sum hereby emitted; and the same Bounties to continue, and be paid for the Space of seven Years.

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That whoever shall counterfeit the Bills of Credit hereby emitted, shall suffer the Pains of Death, and shall also forfeit all his Estate, both real and personal, to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, to and for the Use of the Colony.

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That whoever shall at any Time hereafter, forge or counterfeit any Certificate, or shall alter or encrease any Figure or Sum in any Certificate directed to the General Treasurer, whereby he may receive any of the Bounties hereby granted:

granted ; or shall make any false Oath or Engagement in any of the Matters and Things in this Act before contained, the Person or Persons so offending therein, and being of either of said Crimes duly convicted before any Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County where the Offence shall be committed, shall suffer six Months Imprisonment, and be grievously fined, according to the Discretion of the Judges of such Court where such Person or Persons shall have so offended, and be convicted.

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**W**hereas *Rowland Robinson*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings* County, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for repairing His Majesty's Goal in *Kings* County, and sundry other Necessaries : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Nine Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Rowland Robinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas his Honour the Governor exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for signing sixty-three Bills of Exchange, by Order of the General Assembly : Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid his Honour out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours*, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Whipple*, who were appointed by this Assembly, at their last Session, to inspect into the subject Matter of the Petition of *Israel Phillips*, who was convicted of being concerned in *bad Money*, &c. be farther continued a Committee for that Purpose.

Whereas *Mr. Benjamin Peckham*, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of *Kings* County, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Trouble in going from *Newport* to his House in *South-Kingstown*, by Order of the General Assembly, to fetch the Papers belonging to the Colony, which were lodged in his Office by the Attorney of *Robert Gibbs*, *Stephen Hopkins*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. in a Case brought against them by *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; in Behalf of the Colony : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Peckham*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

The Committee that were appointed to sell the Bills of Exchange drawn by his Honour the Governor, in Consequence of an Act of the General Assembly, upon *Mr. Agent Partridge*, having performed that Service, made the following Report, to wit.

"To the Honourable General Assembly.

Newport, March 16. 1750-1.

WHEREAS an Act of this Assembly, directed his Honour the Governor to draw Bills of Exchange on Mr. *Richard Partridge* of London, Agent for this Colony, for Seventeen Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling, and appointed us the Subscribers, a Committee to sell said Bills of Exchange for Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony. In Obedience to said Act, we have disposed of Bills drawn on said *Partridge*, to the Amount of the aforesaid Sum, payable at twenty Days Sight, for Bills of Credit of this Colony, at Eleven Hundred per Cent. agreeable to the following List, and are,

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servants,

*George Wanton,  
Daniel Jenckes,  
Peter Bours,  
Thomas Cranston.*

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
To <i>James Honyman</i> , Esq;	100 - -	To <i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq;	167 - -
To <i>Daniel Ayrault</i> ,	100 - -	To <i>Tho Richardson</i> , Esq;	50 - -
To <i>Stephen Ayrault</i> ,	100 - -	To <i>Gideon Wanton</i> , Esq;	18 5 -
To <i>John Tweedy</i> ,	50 - -	To <i>Edward Kinnicut</i> , Esq;	200 - -
To <i>Benj. Tucker</i> , Esq;	100 - -	To <i>Samuel Chase</i> ,	50 - -
To <i>Edward Scott</i> , Esq.	200 - -	To <i>John Robinson</i> ,	20 - -
To <i>Josias Lyndon</i> ,	100 - -	To <i>Charles Wickham</i> ,	33 - -
To <i>Jableel Brenton</i> , and <i>Daniel Ayrault</i> .	100 - -	To <i>Robert Gibbs</i> , Esq;	50 - -
	-----	To <i>Edward Kinnicut</i> , Esq;	275 - -
	850 - -	To <i>Peter Bours</i> ,	29 1 10
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To which Report, the said Committee subjoined the following Account.

*The Colony to the Committee, -*

Dr. - -

TO our Commissions for selling the within mentioned Bills of Exchange, amounting in Old Tenor, to Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight Pounds and Two Shillings, at One and a Quarter per Cent. - - - - - £. 261 7 0

*George Wanton,  
Daniel Jenckes,  
Peter Bours,  
Thomas Cranston*

And

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report and Account into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted, and that the Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Seven Shillings, the Amount of the aforesaid Account, be paid unto the said Committee, to wit, *George Wanton, Jonathan Nichols, Daniel Jenckes, Peter Bours, and Thomas Cranston, Esqrs.* out of the General Treasury.

*And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the same Committee, or the major Part of them, burn all the Bills of Publick Credit they received for the aforesaid Bills of Exchange, and all such as they shall receive of *Joseph Wanton, Esq;* and Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, in Payment of the Bills of Exchange drawn on them by Mr. Agent *Partridge*.

*An ACT to prevent all Persons keeping House within this Colony, from entertaining Indian, Negro, or Mulatto Servants or Slaves.*

WHEREAS great Disorders and Burglaries are oftentimes raised and committed by free *Negroes, Indians, and other imprudent Persons*, entertaining such *Indian, Negro, and Mulatto Servants and Slaves*, and selling them strong Liquors, and receiving, and bargaining with them; by Means whereof, such Servants and Slaves are induced and tempted to pilfer and steal from their Masters and Mistresses, to the utter Ruin of such Servants, and to the great Injury of the Publick.

For the Preventing whereof for the future,

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall or may presume by him or herself, or themselves, or any other for them, directly or indirectly, to sell, give, truck, barter, or exchange, with, or to any *Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Servant or Slave*, any strong Beer, Ale, Cyder, Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other strong Liquor, by what Name or Names toever called or known, on Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Thirty Pounds Old-Tenor for each Offence; to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, in any of the Courts of Record in this Colony, one Half whereof, to the Person that shall inform and prosecute for the same, the other Half to and for the Use of the Town where the Offence shall be committed.

AND be it farther Enacted, That no white Person, *Indian, Mulatto, or Negro*, keeping House in any Town in this Colony, shall entertain in his, her, or their House or Houses, any *Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Servant or Slave*, without the Consent or Approbation of the Master, Mistress, or Owner of such Servant or Slave first had and obtained; or shall suffer any Servant or Slave to have any Dancing, Gaming, or Diversion of any kind, in his, her, or their House or Houses, on Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds Old-Tenor, to be recovered and appropriated in Manner as aforesaid, for each and every Offence, or suffer one Month's

Month's Imprisonment ; and also every such free Indian, Mulatto, or Negro, transgressing as aforesaid, and duly convicted thereof, shall not be permitted or suffered to keep House, but shall be by the Town Council of the Town wherein the Offence shall be committed, turned out and dispossessed of such his, her, or their House or Houses, and shall be put into some private Family to work for his or their Living, for the Space of one whole Year ; the Wages accruing by said Service, to be for the Benefit of the Town where the Offence shall be committed.

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Servant or Slave, may presume to be absent from the Family whereto he or she shall respectively belong, or be found abroad in the Night-time after Nine of the Clock, unless it be upon some Errand for his or her respective Master, or Mistress, or Owner.*

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Justices of the Peace, Constables, Watchmen, and others, His Majesty's good Subjects, being House-holders, are hereby respectively empowered to take up and apprehend, or cause to be taken up and apprehended, any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Servant or Slave, that shall be found abroad after Nine of the Clock at Night, and shall not give a good and satisfactory Account of his or her Business, and forthwith convey him, her, or them before the next Justice of the Peace (if it be not over late in the Night), or commit him, her, or them to the common Prison until Morning, and then cause him, her, or them to appear before a Justice of the Peace, who is hereby ordered and directed to cause such Servant or Slave to be publickly whipped by the Constable, ten Stripes. Provided always, That the Master, Mistress, or Owner of such Servant or Slave, have Notice thereof given him or her : And if such Master or Mistress, or Owner of such Servant or Slave, will pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Old-Tenor, to and for the Use of the Town where such Offence shall be committed, that then, and in that Case only, such Servant or Slave shall not be punished as aforesaid.*

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person whatsoever, shall buy, sell, or otherways trade with any Servant or Slave, so as to receive any Thing from a Servant or Slave, without Leave first had and obtained from the Master, Mistress, or Owner of such Servant or Slave, on Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds Old-Tenor for each Offence, and the Thing or Things received, to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, in any of the Courts of Record in this Colony, one Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the Master, Mistress, or Owner of such Servant or Slave. And whoever shall be suspected of receiving any Thing from, or trading with any Servant or Slave, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall refuse to purge him or herself, or themselves, by Oath, shall be adjudged guilty, and Sentence shall be given against him, her, or them, accordingly.*

*An ACT for reviving the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, of the County of Newport, in this Colony.*

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, which was to have been held at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the first Tuesday of this Instant *March*, did not, and could not meet and set on the Day appointed by Law, by Reason the Day before was very stormy and tempestuous, and the next Day, on which the Court was to have been opened, was so, in a most violent and extraordinary Manner, which prevented the Judges passing the Ferries; whence it happened, no Court was held, and by Means thereof, a great Failure of Justice must inevitably ensue, unless a fit Remedy be provided against that Accident,

On Consideration whereof,

*THIS Assembly do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted, That the Judges of the said Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, or a Quorum of them, shall meet and hold Court at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the second Tuesday of *April* next; and when they, ~~make~~<sup>shall</sup> a Quorum of them, shall have met at the said Time and Place, they shall be, and are hereby fully empowered and authorized to take Cognizance of, hear, adjudge, and determine of and upon all and every Matter and Matters, Cause and Causes, Plea and Pleas, Thing and Things, both of a civil and criminal Nature, which would have come before them to have been heard, adjudged, and determined of and upon, had they met and held Court on the first Tuesday of this Instant *March*; and all and every Judgment and Judgments, Sentence and Sentences, and all and every other lawful Act and Acts, which shall be by the said Judges, or a Quorum of them, made, done, and given, at the Time hereby appointed for them to meet and hold Court, shall be held good, take Force, and be effectual and binding to every Intent and Purpose, as the same could or would have been, had the said Judges, or a Quorum of them met, and held Court at the Time and Place by Law appointed for their so doing.*

*AND be it farther Enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who were returned by the several Towns to serve on the Grand and Petit Juries at the said Court, which fell as aforesaid, shall be duly notified and warned by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, to appear at and attend on the said Court, appointed by this Act to be held at *Newport* as aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of *April* next. And that every Juror notified and warned as aforesaid, who shall not appear and give his Attendance at said Time and Place, shall be fined as the Law directs.*

A N D forasmuch as there is but little Business to be heard, tried, and adjudged upon, at the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, to be held in Course next Month, in the Counties of *Bristol* and *Kent*, *This Assembly do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted*, That the Superior Courts of Judicature, Courts of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, of the said Counties of *Bristol* and *Kent*, and all Matters, Causes, Pleas, and Business, both of a civil and criminal Nature, which should have been by said Courts taken Cognizance of, heard, adjudged, and determined upon, at their respective stated Times of Meeting, be, and are hereby adjourned to the next Sessions of said Courts by Law appointed, then and there to be heard, tried, adjudged, and determined upon, to every Intent and Purpose, in as full and ample Manner and Form as the same could, would, or might have been done, had the said Courts met and taken Cognizance of, heard, and determined upon the Causes, Pleas, Business, Matters and Things that would or should have come before them, at their said stated Times of setting and holding Court.

**W**HEREAS *Joseph Edmonds*, and *George Taylor*, Esqrs. exhibited to this Assembly, two Accounts by them severally charged against the Colony, for their Time, Trouble, and Expences, in going to, and waiting at *Newport* several Days, in order to audit the Accounts of *Jableel Brenton*, Esq; with the Colony; to which Office they were appointed by the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Accounts be, and they are hereby allowed, and that the said *Joseph Edmonds* and *George Taylor* be paid out of the General Treasury, to wit, the said *Joseph Edmonds*, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, the Amount of his Account, and the said *George Taylor*, the Sum of Twenty-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings, the Amount of his Account.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Bours*, Esq: deliver unto *Col. Daniel Updike*, the Vouchers which he the said *Peter Bours* receiv'd, as an Auditor of the Colony, of said *Updike*, and take a Receipt for the same.

Whereas *Mr. Stephen Remington*, who was appointed with others, by this Assembly, at their last Session, to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery which was set up for building a Bridge over *Pautuxit* River, declines serving in said Office. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Joseph Wanton* of *Providence*, be, and he is hereby appointed an Auditor in the Room of the said *Stephen Remington*.

Whereas *Capt. Joseph Olney*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account against the Colony, for making and mending Glass for the County House, &c. in *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Olney* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT for granting an Excise upon Wines, Liquors, and other Strong Drink, sold by Retail in the Town of Newport.*

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of *Newport*, by Petition to this Assembly, did set forth the great Necessity there was for, and the many Advantages that would accrue to the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, on the Granting of an Excise upon all Brandy, Rum, and other Spirits distilled, and upon all Wines whatsoever, sold by Retail within said Town; to be raised, levied, collected, and paid by every Taverner, Inn-holder, common Victualler, and Retailer, within said Town.

Which being duly considered,

*BE IT ENACTED* by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the tenth Day of *April*, which will be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, every Person licensed for retailing, Brandy, Rum, or other Spirits, or Wine, shall pay the Duties following.

For every Gallon of Brandy, Rum, and other distilled Spirits, One Shilling and Six Pence Old-Tenor.

For every Gallon of Wine of every Sort, One Shilling and Six Pence. A Pipe of Wine to be accounted One Hundred Gallons.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town Council of the Town of *Newport*, shall appoint one or more Collectors, having Freehold Estates, to take Charge of this Duty of Excise, who shall have Power to inspect the Houses of all such as are licensed, and of such as are suspected to sell without License; which Collectors shall be upon Oath, to take Care of the due Execution of this Law, and to prosecute the Breakers of it: And the said Collectors shall carefully examine the Accompts of every licensed Person in said Town, and demand, sue for, and receive the several Sums due from them by this Act, and shall give an Account under their Hands, of the particular Sums they receive, together with the Names of the Persons of whom received, unto the Town Council, upon Oath: And such Collector or Collectors, before they enter into said Offices, shall give Bond to the Town Council, for the faithful Discharge of their Duty; and that they will duly pay in the Money that they shall collect, to the Town Treasurer of the said Town for the Time being, immediately upon Receipt thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Taverner, Inn-holder, common Victualler, and Retailer, shall after the said tenth Day of *April*, take an exact Account of all Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Spirits and Wine, then by him or her, and give an Account of the same unto the said Collector, upon Oath; And such other Persons as shall be licensed during the Continuance of this Act, shall also give an Account as aforesaid, upon Oath, of what Rum, Brandy,

Brandy, and other distilled Spirits and Wine, he, she, or they shall have by him, her, or them, at the Time of his, her, or their License. That every Taverner, Inn-holder, common Victualler, and Retailer, shall make a fair Entry into a Book, of all such Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Spirits, and Wine, as he, she, or they, or any for him, her, or them, shall buy, distil, or take in for Sale; after such Account taken, and at the End of every six Months, deliver the same in Writing, under his, her, or their Hands, to the Collector, who is to administer an Oath to him, her, or them, That the said Account is *bona Fide*, just and true; and that he, she, or they, don't know of any Rum, Brandy, or other distilled Spirits, or Wine, sold directly or indirectly, by him, her, or them, or by his, her, or their Privity or Consent, but what is contained in the Account then exhibited; and shall pay him the Duty thereof, excepting such Part as the Collector shall find is still remaining by him, her, or them. Twenty *per Cent.* shall be allowed for Leakage and other Waste, for which no Duty is to be paid. That the Town Council of said Town, shall take Bond of all Persons by them licensed, both as to their keeping good Rule and Order, and duly observing the Laws relating to Persons so licensed; as also for their duly and truly rend'reing an Account in Writing, under their Hand as aforesaid, and paying their Excise in Manner as aforesaid. That every Taverner, Inn-holder, common Victualler, or Retailer, who shall be found to give a false Account of any Brandy, Rum, or other distilled Spirits, or Wine, by him, her, or them, at the Time bought, distilled, or taken in for Sale, after his, her, or their License, or refuse to give in an Account on Oath as aforesaid, shall be rendered incapable of having a License afterwards, and shall be prosecuted by the Collector for his Neglect, and ordered by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Newport*, to pay such Sum of Money as they may conclude that the Excise of the Liquors, &c. by him, her, or them sold, would have amounted to, to be paid to the Collector, for the Use of said Town. This Act to continue in Force for the Space of five Years.

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*An ACT to prevent breaking the Lamps that are already, or shall hereafter be set up in the Town of Newport.*

**W**HEREAS many Persons in the Town of *Newport*, out of a publick Spirit, have at their own Cost and Charge, procured a Number of Glass Lamps, and fix'd them at the Outside of their Houses, Shops, &c. to the great Advantage of said Town, in lighting the Streets in the Night Season. But as some evil-minded Persons have broke several of said Lamps; therefore for the preventing such Mischief for the future, and for encouraging other Persons to promote the publick Good in the like Manner,

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*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted;* That from and after the Publication of this Act, every Person that shall be convicted before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Newport*, of wilfully breaking any one or more of such Lamps which are already set up, or shall hereafter be set up, shall for every Lamp so broken, be publickly whipp'd, not exceeding twenty Lashes, or be fined the Sum of Twenty Pounds; to be paid one Half to the Informer, and the other Half into the Town Treasury of said *Newport*.

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*An ACT for the Preventing of Damage to be done by firing of the Woods in any Town in this Colony.*

**W**H E R E A S great Damages have been done to several of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to their Hay, Fencing, &c. by firing of the Woods.

For the Preventing whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That no Person or Persons whatsoever, either by him, her, or themselves, or by his, her, or their Means or Procurement, shall set or suffer to be set any Fire or Fires, or cause any Fire or Fires to be set in the Woods in any Part of this Colony, to run at large on any Time or Times of the Year, under any Pretence whatsoever: And that whosoever shall be lawfully convicted of doing the same, before any Court of Record in such Town where such Offence shall be committed, either by his, her, or their Confession, or by the Evidence of one sufficient and credible Witness upon Engagement, shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds Old Tenor for the first Offence, and for the second Offence, One Hundred Pounds; the one Half thereof, to be to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the Poor of such Town where such Offence shall be committed: And if the Person or Persons so convicted, shall refuse to pay the same, that then such Court of Record shall grant forth a Warrant of Distress to any Constable of said Town, to distrain so much of the Goods and Chattles of the Offender or Offenders, as will satisfy and pay the same, to the Use and Uses aforesaid, and all incident Charges thereon accruing: And for want of sufficient Goods and Chattles, then to apprehend the Body or Bodies of the Offender or Offenders, and secure him, her, or them in His Majesty's Goal in the County wherein such Town is, where the Offence shall be committed, there to be kept until he, she, or they shall satisfy and pay the Fine and Costs aforesaid, or be by Order of the said Court of Record, sold for the Payment thereof. And if any Person or Persons shall be had up before any Court of Record, upon Suspicion of being guilty of any such Offence, and no Witness shall appear to prove

the same, then such Court of Record is hereby authorized and impowered to oblige such suspected Person or Persons, to purge him or herself, or themselves, by Engagement, or otherways ; and on his, her, or their refusing so to do, then he, she, or they shall be deemed guilty of such Offence, and liable to the Payment of the aforesaid Fine, to and for the Use and Uses aforesaid, and all accruing Charges ; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That who-foever shall suffer any Damages, by Reason of such Offence as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall have an Action of Trespass upon the Case, against such Offender or Offenders, and shall recover Damages and Costs accordingly, before any Court of Record of such Town where such Offence shall be committed, if not above Five Pounds ; and if above Five Pounds, then before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County wherein the Town lies, where such Trespass shall be committed.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws heretofore made by the General Assembly, relating to the firing of Woods, be, and they are hereby repealed.*

**W**HEREAS Capt. *John Manchester* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Charges, in inspecting into the Bridges in the County of *Newport* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Manchester*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the Committee appointed to consider the Dimensions of a common Goal which is wanted in the County of *Kent*, reported, That said Goal should be of the same Dimensions in length, breadth, and height, with that in the County of *Providence*, and likewise be divided and made into Apartments, in the same Manner as is the said Goal in the County of *Providence*. And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that *Joseph Nichols, Esq;* and *Mr. Rufus Greene*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to build a Goal in the County of *Kent*, agreeable to the foregoing Report, at the Charge of the Colony ; and that they take particular Care to erect the same on Land secured to the Colony, and that they lay their Accounts before the General Assembly from time to time, as the same shall accrue in order for Payment.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That George Wanton and Peter Bours, Esqrs: together with Messrs. Joseph Harrison and Matthew Robinson, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee,*

to make the Draught of a Letter, respecting the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, to the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and present the same to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *Stephen Hopkins* of *Provodence*, Esq; represented unto this Assembly, That he, together with *William Rice*, *Daniel Jenckes*, *Job Randal*, and *George Brown*, Esqrs. and Mr. *Daniel Smith*, were Directors of the Lottery set forth for building a Bridge at *Weybossett*: That the General Assembly, Anno Dom. 1749, appointed a Committee to audit the said Directors Accounts, for building laid Bridge: That the said Committee did receive and audit their Accounts, and made Report thereon to the General Assembly, which was accepted: That in the Auditing of his the said *Stephen's* Account, either through his own Inadvertency, or some Misapprehension in the Gentlemen of the Committee, Ninety Pounds were deducted from it, which he thinks unreasonable: Wherefore he prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee, with Power to re-examine his particular Account (which is the only one about which there is a Dispute), and report their Opinion to the Assembly; and that he, upon paying what is found justly due from him, with the Interest thereof since due, and all Charges arising on this Examination, may be from the Action brought against him on that Account, discharged. And the said *Stephen* farther prayed, That if it should be the Judgment of this Assembly, that he ought to be held to the Report of the former Committee, and pay the Sum by them reported to be due from him, this Assembly would be pleased to impower some Person to receive the Money, with the Interest and Charges due thereon; and that on his paying the whole thereof, he may be from the Action aforesaid discharged.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Cap. *Elisha Brown*, *Joseph Nichols*, Esq; and Mr. *Samuel Chace*, or the major Part of them, be a Committee to inspect into the Premises as soon as may be, and that upon the said *Stephen Hopkins*'s paying to Mr. *Joseph Sheldon*, what shall be found due from said *Hopkins* to the Colony, the Action against him be discontinued, he paying the Costs: And that the said Committee see that Mr. *Sheldon* give Bond to the General Treasurer of the Colony, agreeable to Act of Assembly, and send the same to the General Treasurer.*

Whereas *Jonathan Peck*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Horse-hire, and Expences, in inspecting into the Bridges in the County of *Bristol*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jonathan Peck* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Samuel Angel* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Work, Stuff, Nails, &c. by him found, provided, and done, for and on the County House in *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings, the Amount therof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Angel* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, by this Assembly ordered to be emitted, be proportion'd to the several Towns as followeth, to wit; to *Newport*, Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds; to *Providence*, Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds; to *Portsmouth*, One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings; to *Warwick*, One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds; to *Westerly*, One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds; to *Newshoreham*, Four Hundred and Fifteen Pounds; to *North Kingstown*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; to *South-Kingstown*, Two Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds; to *East-Greenwich*, Six Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; to *Smithfield*, One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds; to *Scituate*, Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds; to *Glocester*, Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings; to *Jamestown*, Five Hundred and One Pounds Fifteen Shillings; to *Charlestown*, Four Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds; to *West-Greenwich*, Five Hundred and Forty-six Pounds Five Shillings; to *Coventry*, Four Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings; to *Exeter*, Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; to *Middletown*, Seven Hundred and Forty-five Pounds; to *Bristol*, Eight Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Ten Shillings; to *Tiverton*, Seven Hundred Pounds; to *Little-Compton*, Eight Hundred and Thirry seven Pounds Ten Shillings; to *Warren*, Five Hundred and Seventy five Pounds; to *Cumberland*, Five Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings; and to *Richmond*, Three Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Ten Shillings.

*And it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee-Men for the several Towns, take for each of the Mortgages and Bonds in these Bills, one Half of the Sum allowed to the Committees who let out the last Bank, and One Shilling and Three Pence of the same Bills, for every Right which shall be transferred, and that no one Person take out of said Bills, more than Thirty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, or less than Three Pounds.

*And it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That the Grand Committee purchase Plates for the Colony, and get them engraved after the best Manner they can: And that the Bills be printed on the Back, and such other Devices used, as the Grand Committee shall think needful, to prevent the Counterfeiting of said Bills: That the said Committee procure

procure Paper for the impressing said Bills, draw Money out of the General Treasury for that End, and get them impressed: That the Grand Committee, or any three of them, shall sign said Bills; and that when and as soon as the said Bills shall be impressed, the Plates shall be delivered to his Honour the Governor.

Whereas there is an Act of Assembly, which among other Things, directs the Choosing of Town's Committee-Men annually: And this Assembly having taken the same into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That that Part of said Act that directs the Choosing said Town's Committee-Men annually, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Whereas *John Hoyle* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly, and for Wood and other Necessaries by him procured for the Use of the Members this Session; Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed; and that the Sum of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Hoyle* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Benjamin Gorham* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance on the General Assembly, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Six Pounds Nine Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Gorham* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That one more be added to the Grand Committee or Colony's Trustees.

Both Houstons being resolved into a Grand Committee, the following Officers were chosen.

Capt. *Obediah Brown*, one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for the remaining Part of the Year, in the Room of *Daniel Updike*, Esq; who resigned.

Mr. *Samuel Chace*, one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for the remaining Part of the Year, in the Room of *Edward Scott*, Esq; who resigned.

*Benjamin Hazard*, Esq; one of the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for the remaining Part of the Year.

The Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen Committees to have the Care of the Colony's Money let, or to be let on Loan, in the several Towns, and to let out the Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, to be emitted by an Act made and passed this Session of Assembly.

*NEWPORT;*  
George Wanton, Esq;  
Benjamin Nichols, Esq;

*Providence;*  
Jonathan Randal, Esq;  
John Andrews, Esq;

*Portsmouth;*  
Mr. Joseph Brownel,  
Benjamin Hickes, Esq;

*Warwick;*  
Jeremiah Lippit, Esq;  
Major Stephen Low.

*Westerly;*  
Col. Joseph Pendleton,  
Capt. Caleb Church.

*Newshoreham;*  
Capt. Edward Sands,  
Capt. Robert Hull.

*North-Kingstown;*  
Daniel Coggeshall, Esq;  
John Congdon, Esq;

*South-Kingstown;*  
Jeffry Watson, Esq;  
Mr. Stephen Hazard, jun.

*East-Greenwich;*  
Joseph Nichols, Esq;  
Thomas Spenser, Esq; (Son  
of John).

*Jamesstown;*  
Mr. Joseph Clark,  
Mr. Edward Carr.

*Smithfield;*  
Thomas Steer, Esq;  
John Aldrich, Esq;

*Scituate;*  
Job Randal, Esq;  
Mr. Gideon Hammond.

*Glocester;*  
Major Richard Smith,  
Capt. Timothy Willmot.

*Charlestown;*  
Col. Christopher Champlin,  
Capt. Nathanael Lewis.

*West-Greenwich;*  
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;  
Mr. John Greene (Son of  
John).

*Coventry;*  
Caleb Greene, Esq;  
Elisha Johnson, Esq;

*Exeter;*  
Benoni Hall, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Mowrey.

*Middletown;*  
Edward Easton, Esq;  
Mr. Peter Barker.

*Bristol;*  
Jonathan Peck, Esq;  
Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;

*Tiverton;*  
Capt. John Manchester,  
Mr. Samuel Dursey.

*Little-Compton;*  
Lieut. Col. John Hunt,  
Samuel Willbore, Esq;

*Warren;*  
John Kinnicut, Esq;  
Peter Bicknel, Esq;

*Cumberland;*  
Job Bartlet, Esq;  
John Dexter, Esq;

*Richmond;*  
Samuel Tift, Esq;  
Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: And that the Secretary proclaim in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send Copies of them unto each Town in the Colony, within thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of April next, if called at said Time by either of their Honours the Governor or Deputy Governor; but if not called before, nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.*

**GOD Save the KING.**

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held at Newport in said Colony, on the last Day of April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one: And in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. It being the Day before the General Election.

## P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. ROBERT HASZARD, Esq; Dep. Gov.

GEORGE WANTON, Esq;	}	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;	
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;		WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	
JOHN POTTER, Esq;		}	DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;			JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;

## The S E C R E T A R Y.

## DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;  
 Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,  
 Edward Scott, Esq;  
 Thomas Cranston, Esq;  
 Peter Bours, Esq;  
 Mr. Jonathan Easton,  
 Capt. Job Bennet.

}	Providence;
}	Stephen Hopkins, Esq;
}	Mr. Elisha Brown,
}	Mr. Joseph Wanton.
}	Portsmouth;
}	William Anthony, jun. Esq;
}	John Allen, Esq;

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Mr.

Mr. Thomas Brownel,  
 Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.  
     Warwick ;  
 Jeremiah Lippit, Esq;  
 Capt. John Greene,  
 Maj. John Rhodes,  
 Maj. Stephen Low.  
     Westerly ;  
 Col. Joseph Pendleton,  
 Capt. Caleb Church.  
     Newshoreham ;  
 Mr. John Dodge,  
 Mr. Abel Franklin, jun.  
     North-Kingstown ;  
 Col. Immanuel Northup,  
 Beriah Brown, Esq;  
     South-Kingstown ;  
 Jeremiah Atlet, Esq;  
 Mr. Benjamin Peckram, jun.  
     East-Greenwich ;  
 Joseph Nichols, Esq;  
 Thomas Spencer, Esq;  
     Jamestown :  
 Mr. John Hull,  
 Mr. Joseph Clark.  
     Smithfield ;  
 Thomas Arnold, Esq;  
     Scituate ;  
 Capt. Charles Harris.  
     Glocester ;  
 Maj. Richard Smith,

Capt. Timothy Wilmet  
     Charlestown ;  
 Col. Christopher Champlin,  
 Capt. Nathaniel Lewis.  
     West-Greenwich ;  
 Jeremiah Atts, Esq;  
 Mr. George Gardner.  
     Coventry ;  
 George Hall, Esq;  
 Mr. John Greene,  
     Exeter ;  
 Capt. John Reynolds,  
 Benoni Hall, Esq;  
     Middletown ;  
 Mr. John Rogers,  
 Mr. Peter Barker.  
     Bristol ;  
 Jonathan Park, Esq;  
 Joseph Russel, Esq;  
     Tiverton ;  
 Capt. John Manchester.  
     Little-Compton ;  
 Lieut. Col. John Hunt,  
 Mr. Charles Brownel.  
     Warren ;  
 Mr. John Cole.  
     Cumberland ;  
     None  
     Ridgmond ;  
 Samuel Tift, Esq;  
 Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker. And  
 Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS all and every of the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law against Bribery and Corruption, in the Choice of Officers in the Colony. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved.* That all and every of them be, and they are hereby admitted to give their Votes to choose Officers for their respective Towns; and also to give their Votes for the Choice of the General Officers of the Government.

NEWPORT,

**N E W P O R T;**

Peter Phillips, Benj. Chanders, Matthew Borden, Henry Freeborn, Augustus Johnston, William Thurton, Nathanael Coggeshall, jun. Joseph Tillinghast (Son of Jonathan) Joseph Dunham, and Preserved Fish.

**P R O V I D E N C E;**

Benjamin Carpenter, George Potter, Peter Randal, Caleb Potter, Benjamin Bowen, John Cumstock, Benjamin Man, Richard Coman, Henry Sweeting, jun. John Fenner, Henry Sweeting, Timothy Sabin, Esek Hopkins, Richard Hoyle, Ambrose Page, Ezra Dean, David Brown, Joseph Allen, Jonathan Cumstock, Josiah Owen, Ezekiel Woodward, Ezekiel Woodward, jun. James Field, John Thomas, jun. Benjamin Cutbith, Stephen Sweet, jun. Noah Malon, John Waterman the third, William Randal, jun. Joseph Sheldon, jun. Isaac Olney, Nathan Jenckes, Timothy Sabin, William Ashton, jun. John Dunwell, James Angel, John Harris, William Biggs, William Westcot, jun. Nedabiah Angel, William Clerke, Philip Potter, Thomas Westcot, Charles Rhoads, Samuel Thurber, Charles Waterman, Peter Bateman, Jonathan Belue, Joseph Rhodes, Daniel Mathewson, Joseph Potter, Stephen Smith, Joseph Field, jun. John Fenner, William Field, James Brown, Anthony Olney, Peleg Arnold, John Wilkinson, and James Mitchel, jun.

**P O R T S M O U T H;**

Noel Freeborn, John Borden, and John Cook.

**W A R W I C K;**

Joseph Philip, John Walton, jun. Samuel Davis, Henry Tibbits, William Weaver, Daniel Scranton, William Edmonds, and James Green, Son of James.

**W E S T E R L Y;**

William Crumb, Parcival Allen, George Lanphear, Ebenezer Hill, John Burdick, Matthew Maxson, Zaccheus Pooler, and William Hadfel.

**N E W S H O R E H A M;**

Simon Ray, Samuel Rathbun, Joseph Mitchel, Joseph Mitchel, jun. Jonathan Mitchel, Thomas Mitchel, Thomas Pain, John Pain, Thomas Dickens, William Dodge, Samuel Dodge, Abel Franklin, Daniel Rose, John Mott, Nathanael Mott, Edward Sands, Robert Hull, Stephen Franklin, Joshua Sands, Nathanael Littlefield, Anthony Littlefield, John Dodge, John Ball, Edward Ball, Samuel Dunn, Caleb Littlefield, John Littlefield, Nathanael Dodge, jun.

**N O R T H.**

## N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

John Slocum, Stephen Cooper, David Green, Robert Westcoat, jun. Jeremiah Fones, Christopher Phillips, jun. John Cory, jun. John Cleaveland, Joseph Northup, Jeremiah Hafzard, jun. Benoni Shearmon, David Aldrich, Ezekiel Hunt, jun. Samuel Hunt, jun. Richard Card, John Cole, and Caleb Allen.

## S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ;

Samuel Rodman Samuel Oatley, Daniel Tift, Job Reynolds, Samuel Curtis, Samuel Stedman, Thomas Potter, and John Albro.

## E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

John Lion, Caleb Sheffield, Daniel Brown, Elijah Johnston, Thomas Langford, *Son of John*, Edward Green, Joseph Matthewson, Benjamin Fry, and James Runnels.

## J A M E S T O W N ;

Daniel Weeden, jun. Josiah Arnold, jun. and Benjamin Sheffield, jun.

## S M I T H F I E L D ;

Stephen Whipple, Abraham Smith, Seth Arnold, Edmond Arnold, Stephen Sayles, John Barnes, Nathanael Herrendeen, Robert Woodward, Daniel Wilbore, jun. Henry Finch, Elisha Sayles, Edward Thayer, Daniel Cais, Nathan Cais, Joseph Cook, Jeremiah Comstock, John Brown, Thomas Curff, jun. Thomas Woodward, Joseph Bustum, Daniel Wilbore, and Thomas Broadway.

## S C I T U A T E ;

Stephen Sheldon, Zuriel Matthewson, Nicholas Hopkins, James Wheeler, David Yeaw, Joseph Yeaw, Daniel Bennet, Joseph Cole, Isaac King, Uriah Franklin, Nathanael Hareden, William Blanchard, jun. Bernard Hale, Francis Fuller, Joseph Waterman, Adam Casey, Edward Casey, Nathan Bennet, and James Round.

## G L O C E S T E R ;

Samuel Sprague, Joshua King, Benjamin King, Ezra Thornton, Samuel Irons, John Davis, John Aldrich, Daniel Whipple, Samuel Short, jun. Eleazer Cratson, Ebenezer Jencks, Israel Sayles, Nathan Wade, and Ezekiel Sayles.

## W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

Henry Straight, John Niles, and John Dolliver.

## C O V E N T R Y ;

Ichabod Bowen, Thomas Eddy, James Green, *Son of Daniel*, Josiah Gibbs, and Joseph Bennet.

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Samuel Sweet, Caleb Gardner, and Robert Moon, jun.

*M I D D L E T O W N;*

Peter Barker, Peter Barker, jun. Henry Tew, and William Blis.

*B R I S T O L;*

George Coggeshall, John Waldron, John Chaloner, and John Ingraham.

*T I V E R T O N;*

Timothy Claffen, John Dennis, Gideon Wilcock, Joseph Taboi (Tanner) George Westgate, jun. Robert Burrington, Joseph Cook, Charles Brownel, Isaac Barker, and Stephen Talman.

*W A R R E N;*

John Braley, William Hill, Isaac Cole, Nathan Cole, Stephen Bowen, and Simeon Peck.

*C U M B E R L A N D;*

Ibrook Whipple, Nathanael Robinton, Enoch Whetherhead, Abner Ballou, Joseph Darling, Richard Peters, and Thomas Hill.

*R I C H M O N D;*

Stephen Sweet, William Watson, Joseph Hoxsie, jun. Enoch Lewis, Simeon Perry, Thomas Lilibridge, jun. John Thomas, and Nathanael Pettis.

*N. B. Charlestown and Little-Compton made no Return this Election.*

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GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations,  
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Newport in said Colony, on the first Wednesday of May,  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one : And in the  
Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred  
Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD,  
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fender of the Faith, &c.*

## P R E S E N T,

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The Hon. *ROBERT HASZARD*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

<i>GEORGE WANTON</i> , Esq;	<i>ROBERT LAWTON</i> , Esq;
<i>JONATHAN NICHOLS</i> , Esq;	<i>JAMES ARNOLD</i> , Esq;
<i>JOHN POTTER</i> , Esq;	<i>WILLIAM RICHMOND</i> , Esq;
<i>JABEZ BOWEN</i> , Esq;	<i>DANIEL COGGESHALL</i> , Esq;
<i>BENJAMIN TUCKER</i> , Esq;	<i>JEOFFRY WATSON</i> , Esq;

*Ass't. Ass't.*

## The S E C R E T A R Y.

## DEPUTIES of the several T O W N S.

<i>NEWPORT</i> ;	<i>Mr. Joseph Wanton.</i>
<i>Mr. Nathaniel Coggeshall,</i>	<i>Christopher Harris, Esq;</i>
<i>Edward Scott, Esq;</i>	<i>Portsmouth ;</i>
<i>Thomas Cranston, Esq;</i>	<i>William Anthony, jun. Esq;</i>
<i>Peter Bourne, Esq;</i>	<i>John Allen, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Jonathan Easton,</i>	<i>Mr. Thomas Brownell,</i>
<i>Capt. Job Bennet.</i>	<i>Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.</i>
<i>Providence ;</i>	<i>Warwick ;</i>
<i>Stephen Hopkins, Esq;</i>	<i>Jeremiah Lippit, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Eliza Brown,</i>	<i>Capt. John Greene,</i>

Maj.

Maj. <i>John Rhodes</i> ,	Capt. <i>Nathanael Lewis</i> .
Maj. <i>Stephen Low</i> . Westerly ;	West-Greenwich ;
Col. <i>Joseph Pendleton</i> ,	<i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> , Esq;
Capt. <i>Caleb Church</i> . Newshoreham ;	Mr. <i>George Gardner</i> . Coventry ;
Mr. <i>John Dodge</i> ,	<i>George Hall</i> , Esq;
Mr. <i>Abel Franklin</i> , jun. North-Kingstown ;	Mr. <i>John Greene</i> . Exeter ;
Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> ,	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> .
<i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq; South-Kingstown ;	<i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq; Middletown ;
<i>Jeremiah Niles</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>John Rogers</i> , Bristol ;
Mr. <i>Benjamin Peckham</i> , jun. East-Greenwich ;	Mr. <i>Peter Barker</i> . Jonathan Peck, Esq;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	<i>Joseph Russel</i> , Esq; Tiverton ;
<i>Thomas Spencer</i> , Esq; Jamestown :	Capt. <i>John Manchester</i> . Mr. <i>Samuel Dursey</i> . Little-Compton ;
Mr. <i>John Hull</i> ,	Lieut. Col. <i>John Hunt</i> , Mr. <i>Charles Brownel</i> . Warren ;
Mr. <i>Joseph Clark</i> . Smithfield ;	Capt. <i>John Adams</i> , Mr. <i>John Cole</i> . Cumberland ;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq;	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq; Scituate ;	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq; Richmond ;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	<i>Samuel Tift</i> , Esq;
Capt. <i>Charles Harris</i> . Glocester ;	Capt. <i>Joseph Enos</i> , jun.
Maj. <i>Richard Smith</i> ,	
Capt. <i>Timothy Wilmot</i> . Charlestown ;	
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,	

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker. And  
Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both civil and military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony, in the respective Offices ascribed to their Names.

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor, Engag'd.  
The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engag'd.  
*John Tillinghast*, Esq; first Assistant ; Engag'd.  
*Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; second Assistant ; Engag'd.

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*Nicholas Cooke, Esq; third Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Jabez Bowen, Esq; fourth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Stephen Brownel, Esq; fifth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Robert Lawton, Esq; sixth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*James Arnold, Esq; seventh Assistant : Engag'd.*  
*William Richmond, Esq; eighth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; ninth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Geoffry Watson, Esq; tenth Assistant ; Engag'd.*  
*Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary ; Engag'd.*  
*Daniel Updike, Esq; Attorney General ; Engag'd.*  
*Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer ; Engag'd.*  
*Mr. Edward Thurston, General Sealer of Weights and Measures.*  
*Stephen Hopkins, Esq; chief Judge of the Superior Court of*  
*Jonathan Randal, Esq; second } Judge of the Superior Court of*  
*William Richmond, Esq; third } Judicature, Court of Assize;*  
*Joseph Russel, Esq; fourth } and General Goal Delivery in*  
*Benamtn Hazard, Esq; fifth Judge of said Court, who refused,*  
*whereupon Joseph Clarke, Esq; was chosen in his Room.*

*(Upon Consideration of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of Kent, Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the several Companies of Militia in the County of Kent, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and made a Regiment, and shall be commanded, governed, and conducted by such, and so many Field Officers as the other Regiments in the Colony are.)*

*Col. Samuel Lyndon, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.*

*Maj. Rickard Smith, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.*

*Col. William Pendleton, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.*

*Col. Benoni Waterman, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.*

*Lieut. Col. John Barrington, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.*

*Capt. Christopher Harris, Lieut. Col. of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.*

*Lieut. Col. Ephraim Gardner, Lieut. Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.*

*Major Joseph Stafford, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.*

*Maj. Wing Spooner, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.*

*Mr.*

Mr. Resolved Waterman (Son of Resolved) Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Maj. Latham Clark, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kings County.

Capt. John Arnold, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Samuel Wickham, Edward Scott, Daniel Gould, Caleb Hill, and William Anthony, jun. Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Newport.

Daniel Jencks, Job Randal, Thomas Latham, Thomas Arnold, and Richard Steere, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Providence.

Stephen Hafzard, Immanuel Northup, Jeremias Niles, Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kings County.

Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, James Mason, James Smith, and Thomas Greene, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Bristol.

Daniel Howland, Joseph Nichols, John Ery, John Greene, and Rufus Greene, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kent.

Thomas Ward, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Newport.

George Brown, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Providence.

Mr. Benjamen Peckham, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kings County.

Mr. Thomas Throope, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Bristol.

Mr. John Walton, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kent.

*Joseph Scott, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport.*  
*David Wilkinson, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence.*  
*Erish Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kings County.*  
*Nathaniel Bosworth, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol.*  
*Thomas Spenser (Son of John) Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kent.*  
*The Hon. Gideon Wanton, Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obdiab Brown, Samuel Chase, James Arnold, George Brown, Nicholas Easton, and Benjamin Hazard, Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of public Credit, &c.*  
*And the aforesaid Benjamin Nichols, is also chosen and appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon; and also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on the Mortgages; or otherwise, upon the Receipt of any of the Colonies Money: And in case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make due Payment.*

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*Justices of the Peace for the several Towns in the Colony.*

<i>NEWPORT,</i>	Stephen Brayton,	Jeremiah Wilcox,
Abraham Borden,	Jonathan Freeborn,	Immanuel Cafe,
Samuel Collins,	Robert Dennis,	<i>East-Greenwich,</i>
Charles Bardin,	Caleb Allen.	William Spenser,
Ebenezer Richardson,	<i>Warwick,</i>	John Langford,
Barnabas Hargill,	Samuel Stafford,	John Olin,
Jeremiah Clark,	Charles Holden,	Samuel Soul,
Thomas Ward,	Joseph Lippit,	Daniel Howland, jun.
Peter Easton,	James Greene,	<i>Smithfield;</i>
Martin Howard,	Benja. Arnold.	William Arnold,
Joseph Sylvester,	<i>Westerly;</i>	Thomas Sayles,
William Heffernan.	William Hearn,	Thomas Steere,
	Benjamin Randal,	William Jencks,
<i>Providence;</i>	Joseph Crandal, jun.	John Aldrich,
George Taylor,	Benoni Smith,	Thomas Owens,
Henry Harris,	John Larkin,	<i>Scituate;</i>
Christopher Harris,	Daniel Maccoon.	Benjamin Fisk,
Edward Sheldon,	<i>North-Kingstown;</i>	John Tyler,
Zuriel Waterman,	Edward Dyre, jun.	Gideon Harris,
Joseph Harris,	Robert Hazard,	John Edwards.
William Burton,	James Gardner,	<i>Glocester;</i>
Joseph Snow,	John Congdon,	John Smith,
Ebenezer Jencks,	Samuel Thomas,	Andrew Brown,
Matthew Manchester,	Elisha Clark.	Abraham Tourtelot,
Richard Waterman.	<i>South-Kingstown;</i>	Richard Smith,
	Samuel Tift, jun.	Timothy Wilmot.
<i>Portsmouth;</i>	John Cafe,	<i>Charlestown;</i>
William Hall,		

<i>Charlestown</i> ;	Benjamin Mowrey.	Joseph Wood,
<i>John Hill</i> ,	<i>Middletown</i> ;	<i>Nathanael Searl</i> ,
<i>Nathanael Lewis</i> ,	<i>Thomas Gould</i> ,	<i>Jeremiah Brownel</i> ,
<i>Jonathan Clark</i> .	<i>Edward Easton</i> ,	<i>Warren</i> ;
<i>West-Greenwich</i> ;	<i>Peleg Smith</i> ,	<i>Benjamin Miller</i> ,
<i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> ,	<i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> .	<i>John Kinnicut</i> ,
<i>Samuel Hopkins</i> ,	<i>Bristol</i> ;	<i>Edward Luther</i> .
<i>William Cumstock</i> ,	<i>Sheerjashub Bourn</i> ,	<i>Peter Bicknell</i> ,
<i>George Gardner</i> .	<i>George Dunbar</i> ,	<i>Ebenezer Allen</i> .
<i>Coventry</i> ;	<i>Nathanael Fales</i> ,	<i>Cumberland</i> ;
<i>Elisha Johnson</i> ,	<i>Nathanael Pearce</i> ,	<i>Job Bartler</i> ,
<i>Samuel Cooper</i> ,	<i>William Munroe</i> ,	<i>Samuel Bartlet</i> ,
<i>Caleb Greene</i> ,	<i>Tiverton</i> ;	<i>John Dexter</i> ,
<i>George Hall</i> ,	<i>Joseph Anthony</i> ,	<i>David Whipple</i> ,
<i>Thomas Matthewson</i> ,	<i>Samuel Durfey</i> ,	<i>Richmond</i> ;
<i>Randal Rice</i> .	<i>Restcom Sandford</i> ,	<i>Stephen Richmond</i> ,
<i>Exeter</i> ;	<i>John Brown</i> ,	<i>Joseph Clark</i> ,
<i>Nicholas Gardner</i> ,	<i>Abraham Barker</i> .	<i>Samuel Tift</i> ,
<i>Peleg Tripp</i> ,	<i>Little-Compton</i> ;	<i>Joseph Enos, jun.</i>
<i>Robert Moon</i> .	<i>Samuel Wilbore</i> ,	<i>Thomas Kinaion</i> .

*Lieut. Samuel Freebody, Captain of Fort George on Goat Island.*

*Officers to command the several Companies of Militia, or train'd Bands, in each Town throughout the Colony.*

*N E W P O R T*;

*First Company* : *Jonathan Heath, Captain* ; *James Tanner, Lieutenant* ; *Christopher Lindley, Ensign*,

*Second Company* : *Benjamin Sherburn, Captain* ; *Kendal Nichols, jun. Lieutenant* ; *John Simpson, jun. Ensign*.

*Third Company* : *Daniel Dunham, jun. Captain* ; *John Pitman, Lieutenant* ; *Henry Bliss, Ensign*.

*Fourth Company* : *John Belitho, Captain* ; *Oliver Beere, Lieutenant* ; *Richard Whitehorn, Ensign*.

*(It is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Commission Officers to command and conduct the several Companies of Militia, or train'd Bands, in the Town of Providence, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session of this Assembly; and that the present Officers be, and they are hereby continued until that Time.)*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the first Company, or train'd Band of the Town of Providence, be divided into two Companies; and that the Field Officers of the County of Providence, or the major Part of*

of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider in what Manner the Division shall be made, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

*P O R T S M O U T H C O M P A N Y.*

Clark Cornel, *Captain*; John Fish, *Lieutenant*; John Shrieve, jun. *Ensign*.

*W A R W I C K ;*

*First Company*: John Wells, *Captain*; Rufus Barton (Son of Rufus) *Lieutenant*; James Arnold jun. *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Thomas Remington, *Captain*; Henry Matthewson, *Lieutenant*; Ebenezer Green, *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Moses Budlong, *Captain*; Richard Estis, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Rice, jun. *Ensign*.

*W E S T E R L Y ;*

*First Company*: Elias Thompson, *Captain*; Joseph Lewis, jun. *Lieutenant*; Elisha Clark, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Benjamin Randal, *Captain*; Hobart Burdick (Son of Robert) *Lieutenant*; John Maccoon, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Samuel Gavet, *Captain*; Joseph Crandal (Son of Joseph) *Lieutenant*; Stephen Saunders, *Ensign*.

*Fourth Company*: Thomas Foster, *Captain*; Matthew Green, *Lieutenant*; Joseph Winter, *Ensign*.

*N E W S H O R E H A M C O M P A N Y.*

Robert Hull, *Captain*; John Dodge, *Lieutenant*; John Littlefield, *Ensign*.

*N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N ;*

*First Company*: Jonathan Allen, *Captain*; Anthony Aylsworth, *Lieutenant*; Philip Card, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Samuel Albro, *Captain*; Samuel Browning, jun. *Lieutenant*; Eber Shearman, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Samuel Thomas, *Captain*; Benedict Eldred, *Lieutenant*; Ebenezer Brown, *Ensign*.

*S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N ;*

*First Company*: Thomas Browning, *Captain*, John Steadman, *Lieutenant*, William Congdon (Son of Joseph) *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: Jirah Mumford, *Captain*; Nathan Tift, *Lieutenant*; Samuel Babcock, jun. *Ensign*.

*Third Company*: Paul Woodbridge, *Captain*; James Shearman, *Lieutenant*; Mitchel Cafe, *Ensign*.

*E A S T -*

## E A S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

*First Company* : Joseph Stafford, *Captain* ; Rufus Spencer, *Lieutenant* ; Thomas Nichols (Son of James) *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Richard Weaver, *Captain* ; Benjamin Corey, *Lieutenant* ; John Gifford, *Ensign*.

## J A M E S T O W N C O M P A N Y .

Samuel Slocum, *Captain* ; George Franklin, *Lieutenant* ; Benjamin Carr (Son of Edward, deceas'd) *Ensign*.

## S M I T H F I E L D ;

*First Company* : John Angel, *Captain* ; William Brown, *Lieutenant* ; Daniel Wilbore, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Daniel Arnold, *Captain* ; Stephen Sly, *Lieutenant* ; Jeremiah Cumstock, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : Enoch Barnes, *Captain* ; Abraham Windsor, *Lieutenant* ; Sylvanus Sayles, *Ensign*.

## S C I T U A T E ;

*First Company* : Amos Hammond, *Captain* ; John Fisk, *Lieutenant* ; Christopher Relph, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Samuel Dorrence, *Captain* ; George Dorrence, jun. *Lieutenant* ; William Tyler, *Ensign*.

*Third Company* : John Hulet, *Captain* ; Joseph Wilkins, *Lieutenant* ; Ezekiel Hopkins, jun. *Ensign*.

## G L O C E S T E R ;

*First Company* : Joseph Windsor, *Captain* ; James Cowen, *Lieutenant* ; Edward Bishop, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : Ezekiel Smith, *Captain* ; Joseph Olney, *Lieutenant* ; John Ross, *Ensign*.

## C H A R L E S T O W N C O M P A N Y .

Peleg Crois, *Captain* ; Enoch Kinyon, jun. *Lieutenant* ; Samuel Stanton, *Ensign*.

## W E S T - G R E E N W I C H ;

*First Company* : Ezekiel Whitford, *Captain* , Daniel Hill, jun. *Lieutenant* ; John Albro, *Ensign*.

*Second Company* : John Weight, *Captain* ; George Gardner, *Lieutenant* ; but he refusing, John Reynolds (Son of Samuel) was chosen in his Room ; and Ebenezer Matthewson, *Ensign*.

## C O V E N T R Y ;

*First Company* : John Allerton, jun. *Captain* ; [Stephen Colvin, *Lieutenant* ; William Nichols, *Ensign*.]

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Second

Second Company: Benjamin Nichols, *Captain*; Adam Caffin, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Nichols, *Ensign*.

*E X E T E R*;

(*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Commission Officers for the two Companies, or train'd Bands, in the Town of *Exeter*, be, and it is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.)

*M I D D L E T O W N COMPANY.*

John Barker, *Captain*; Benjamin Smith, *Lieutenant*; Joseph Rider, *Ensign*.

*B R I S T O L COMPANY.*

Bennet Munro, *Captain*; John Throop, jun. *Lieutenant*; William Cox, *Ensign*.

*T I V E R T O N*;

*First Company*: Matthew Manchetter (Son of John) *Captain*; Joseph Grandal, *Lieutenant*; George Cooke, *Ensign*.

*Second Company*: William Cooke, *Captain*; John Thomas, *Lieutenant*; Oliver Cooke, *Ensign*.

*L I T T L E - C O M P T O N COMPANY.*

Benjamin Simmonds, *Captain*; Jonathan Records, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Brownel, jun. *Ensign*.

*W A R R E N COMPANY.*

John Adams, *Captain*; Solomon Peck, *Lieutenant*; John Eastbrook, *Ensign*.

*C U M B E R L A N D*;

(*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Commission Officers for the Company, or train'd Band, in the Town of *Cumberland*, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session of this Assembly).

*R I C H M O N D COMPANY.*

Joseph Enos, jun. *Captain*; James James, *Lieutenant*; Thomas Rogers, *Ensign*.

*N E W P O R T Troop of Horse.*

Sylvester Woodman, *Captain*; Richard Greenhill, *Lieutenant*; Samuel Bayley (of Little-Compton) *Cornet*.

*P R O V I D E N C E Troop of Horse.*

John Hoyle, *Captain*; William Fennet, *Lieutenant*; William Dean, *Cornet*.

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W H E R E A S

**W**HEREAS *Anne and James Franklin*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly, at their Session in March last, and for furnishing Paper thereto; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and Fifty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anne and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly at their Session in *Providence*, on the first Monday in *December* last, appointed *Daniel Goggeshall* and *Immanuel Northup*, Esqrs. a Committee to settle with *Thomas Spenser* of *Jamestown*, respecting Arreages of Rent due to the Colony, &c. And those Gentlemen having assumed that Province, and compleated the Business, made the following Report:

**W**E the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, at their Sessions holden at *Providence*, in and for said Colony, on the first Monday of *December*, A. D. 1750, to settle all Accounts for Arreages of Rent with *Thomas Spenser* of *Jamestown*, Ferryman: Agreeable thereto, we have examined the same, and find a Balance due from said *Thomas Spenser*, for the Arreages of Rent due to said Colony, the Sum of One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Four Shillings, for which Sum we have taken a Note of Hand from the aforesaid *Thomas Spenser*, payable to the General Treasurer for the Colony aforesaid.

*Daniel Goggeshall,  
Immanuel Northup.*

*Jamestown, March 2. 1750.*

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for drawing the Lottery, granted by the Assembly, to raise a Sum of Money for building a Bridge over *Pawtucket* River, be, and it is hereby lengthened out to the last Monday in *June* next.

*An ACT in Addition to an ACT, entituled, An ACT for granting an Excise upon Wines, Liquors, and other strong Drink, sold by Retail in the Town of *Newport**

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, *It is Enacted*, That from and after the Publication of this ACT,

Act, that whosoever shall presume to sell any Brandy, Rum, or other distilled Spirits, Wine, Beer, Cyder, Perry, or any other strong Drink, in any smaller Quantity than ten Gallons, in the Town of Newport, without Licence first had and obtained from the Town Council of the Town of *Newport*, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Old-Tenor, one half whereof to the Collector of the Excise, the other half to and for the Use of the Poor of the Town of *Newport*, upon Conviction before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County of *Newport*.

And if any Person or Persons not licenced as aforesaid, shall order, allow, permit, or connive at the selling of any strong Drink, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the aforesaid Law, by his or her Child or Children, Servant or Servants, or any other Person or Persons, belonging to his or her Family, and be thereof convicted, he, she, or they shall be reputed the Offender or Offenders, and shall suffer the same Penalties, as if he, she, or they, had sold such Drink themselves.

*And it is farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and so often as it shall be observ'd that there is a Resort of Persons to Houses suspected to sell strong Drink without Licence, any Justice of the Peace shall have Power to convene such Persons before him, and examine them upon Oath, of the Persons suspected of selling or retailing strong Drink in such Houses; and on just Grounds, to bind over the Person transgressing, and the Witnesses, to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the County of *Newport*.*

Whereas there was an Act passed at the last Session of Assembly, for promoting the Raising of Flax and Wool, and manufacturing the same into Cloth, and for giving a proper Encouragement for the carrying on the Whale and Cod-Fishery; and for those Ends, making and emitting a Sum of Bills of Credit, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved, That those Parts of said Act respecting the taking Oaths, and granting Bounties, shall not take Effect until the Rising of this Assembly at their next Session.*

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is referred to their next Session, which is hereby appointed to be at *Newport* on the second Monday of June next; to which Time and Place this Assembly is adjourned.*

GOD Save the KING.



*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held by Adjournment at Newport in said Colony, on the second Monday of June, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	<i>Affl.</i> WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNL, Esq;	JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq;

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	Mr. Joseph Wanton.
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,	Lieut. Col. Christopher Harris,
Edward Scott, Esq;	Portsmouth;
The Speaker,	William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;	John Allen, Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Easton,	Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Capt. Job Bennet.	Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.
Providence;	Warwick;
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Jeremiah Lippit, Esq;
Mr. Elisha Brown,	Capt. John Greene,
	Maj.

Maj. <i>John Rhodes</i> ,	West-Greenwich ;
Maj. <i>Stephen Low</i> .	<i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> , Esq;
Westerly ;	Mr. <i>George Gardner</i> .
Col. <i>Joseph Pendleton</i> ,	Coventry ;
Capt. <i>Caleb Church</i> .	<i>George Hall</i> , Esq;
Newshoreham ;	Mr. <i>John Greene</i> .
None.	Exeter ;
North-Kingstown ;	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> ,
Col. <i>Immanuel Northup</i> ,	<i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq;
<i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq;	Middletown ;
South-Kingstown ;	Mr. <i>John Rogers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Benjamin Peckham</i> , jun.	Mr. <i>Peter Barker</i> .
East-Greenwich ;	Bristol ;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	<i>Jonathan Peck</i> , Esq;
<i>Thomas Spencer</i> , Esq;	<i>Joseph Russell</i> , Esq;
Jamestown :	Tiverton ;
Mr. <i>John Hall</i> ,	Capt. <i>John Manchester</i> .
Mr. <i>Joseph Clark</i> .	<i>Samuel Durfee</i> , Esq;
Smithfield ;	Little-Compton ;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq;	Lieut. Col. <i>John Hunt</i> ,
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>Charles Brownel</i> .
Scituate ;	Warren ;
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	Capt. <i>John Adams</i> ,
Glocester ;	Mr. <i>John Cole</i> .
Col. <i>Richard Smith</i> ,	Cumberland ;
<i>Timothy Wilmot</i> , Esq;	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
Charlestown ;	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
Col. <i>Christopher Champlin</i> ,	Richmond ;
Capt. <i>Nathanael Lewis</i> .	<i>Samuel Tift</i> , Esq;
	Capt. <i>Joseph Enos</i> , jun.

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

*An ACT for Amending and Explaining several Paragraphs, and for the Repealing several others contained in an ACT made and passed by the General Assembly, at their Session held at Providence on the third Morday of March, Anno Dom. 1750, entitled, An Act for promoting the Raising Flax and Wool, and manufacturing the same into Cloth; and also for giving a proper and suitable Encouragement for carrying on the Whale and Cod-Fishery, and for those Ends, making and emitting the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds in Bills of Public Credit of this Colony, and settling and ascertaining the Value therof.*

W H E R E A S

**W**HÈRÈAS in and by said Act, it is provided, that a Bounty, as is therein expressed, shall be given for all Wool manufactured into Cloth, which it is thought, were it carried into Execution, may draw the Displeasure of Great-Britain upon us, as it will interfere with their most favourite Manufactury; and as the giving a Bounty on Flax, and the Whale and Cod-Fishery, having been already tryed in this Colony, and have not been found beneficial,

**T**HÈRÈ FÖR E be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all and every Clause and Clauses in the afore-named Act, giving or granting any Bounty or Premium whatsoever, on any Materials or Manufacturies therein named, produced, or made in this Colony, or by the Inhabitants thereof, be, and are hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Clause and Clauses in said Act, that enact and declare Fifty-four Shillings in ~~old~~ Tenor Bills, or Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence in new Tenor Bills, equal to one Ounce of Silver, is, and are hereby repealed. And that Sixty-four Shillings, in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, or Sixteen Shillings, in Bills of Credit of the New-Tenor, is hereby stated and established, as an Equivalent to one Ounce of coin'd Silver of Sterling Alloy, or Gold Coin in its proportionate Value. And the Clauses in said Act, directing that said Money shall be let out upon Loan for the Term of five Years, *at* the Rate of Six per Cent per Annum, is hereby repealed: *And it is hereby Enacted*, That said Sum to be emitted by said Act, shall be let out at the Rate of Five per Cent per Annum, for the Space of ten Years, on such Security as said Act requireth, and then to be sunk in the Manner said Act expresseth, saving that only Five per Cent. Interest be paid; and that the whole Interest arising from the Loan of said Bills, be, and it is hereby appropriated to sinking the Colony's out-standing Bills made to supply the Treasury, and to defray the incident Charges of the Colony.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the aforesaid Bills to be emitted, shall be of the following Denomination, to wit, Five Ounces of Silver, Two Ounces and Ten-penny Weight of Silver, One Ounce and Five-penny Weight of Silver, Twelve-penny Weight and Twelve Grains of Silver, Six-penny Weight and Six Grains of Silver, Two-penny Weight and Twelve Grains of Silver, One-penny Weight, and thirteen Grains and an half of Silver, and fifteen Grains of Silver; and shall be of the following Tenor and Form.

*THIS*

*THIS BILL, due from the Colony of Rhode-Island, shall be equal to coin'd Silver of Sterling Alloy, to the Pessifor thereof, and shall be accordingly received in the Treasury.*  
 By Order of Assembly. Providence, March 18. 1750.

AND the Value of each Bill in Old-Tenor, shall be printed on the Back thereof, in the Manner following, to wit;

THE Bills of the Denomination of five Ounces of Silver, shall be printed with these Words on the Back; *This Bill is equal to Sixteen Pounds Old-Tenor, Ditto of two Ounces and Ten-penny Weight; This Bill is equal to Eight Pounds Old-Tenor, Ditto of One Ounce and Five-penny Weight; This Bill is equal to Four Pounds Old-Tenor, Ditto of Twelve-penny Weight and Twelve Grains; This Bill is equal to Two Pounds Old-Tenor, Ditto of Six-penny Weight and Six Grains; This Bill is equal to One Pound Old-Tenor, Ditto of Two-penny Weight and Twelve Grains; This Bill is equal to Eight Shillings Old-Tenor, Ditto of One-penny, Weight and Thirteen Grains and an half; This Bill is equal to Five Shillings Old-Tenor, Ditto of Fifteen Grains; This Bill is equal to Two Shillings Old-Tenor.* Any Thing in the afore-named Act, or in any Paragraph or Clause therein, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Clause in said Act, made for the exempting Clothiers, Fullers, or any Artificers, working in the Clothiers Trade, from doing public Duty, be, and it is hereby repealed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Parts of the afore-named Act, requiring the Oaths of the Persons therein named to be taken, that they have not given more than Fifty-four Shillings in the Old-Tenor Bills, or Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence in the New-Tenor Bills, for One Ounce of Silver, or for Gold in Proportion, shall be, and it is hereby amended, and the Oaths so required to be taken, shall be, *That the Persons concern'd therein, have not given more than Sixty-four Shillings in the Old-Tenor Bills, or Sixteen Shillings in the New-Tenor Bills, for One Ounce of Silver, or for Gold at its proportionate Value.*

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WE the Subscribers, do dissent from the Alterations in this Bill proposed, and do protest against them, for the following Reasons.

1. Because

‘ 1. Because we are of Opinion, the Committee have greatly exceeded their Power, and made Alterations which were never voted, or even so much as debated in this House.

‘ 2. Because we are of Opinion, the Alterations so made, are material and essential, relating to the very Form and Denomination of the Bills, and so entirely different from the Act passed in *March* last, that the Bills which are to be emitted, cannot with any Truth, be said to be emitted by an Act made and passed at that Time.

‘ 3. Because the other Alterations in this Bill propos’d, have a natural Tendency to depreciate, not only the Bills that are to be emitted, but also all the Bills of this Colony that are now outstanding, and must, in our Opinion, unavoidably produce that Effect.

‘ 4. Because by these Alterations, Six Shillings and Nine Pence is made to be equal to Sixteen Shillings, and must be so received in all Payments made in this Colony with the Bills now proposed to be emitted, if said Alterations are passed as a Law of this Government.’

*Peter Bours,  
Edward Scott.*

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Speaker, *John Tillinghast*, and *James Sheffield*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of *Capt. Walter Chaloner*, late Captain of *Fort George*, all the Stores belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same to *Capt. Samuel Freebody*, the present Captain of said Fort, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

*And it is further Voted and Resolved,* That the same Gentlemen be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Account of his Honour the Deputy Governor with the Colony, whilst he was Naval Officer, and make Report to the General Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Peter Bours, and Jeremiah Niles*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to examine all the Accounts which have arisen upon the apprehending, prosecuting, convicting, and executing *Thomas Carter*, and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as may be.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *John Tillinghast, Thomas Cranston, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the General Treasurer’s Accounts, and also the Accounts of the Grand Committee, and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as may be.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Coggeshall, Stephen Hopkins, and Job Randal, Esqrs. be; and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to form the Draught of a Letter to be sent the Agent, and present the same to this Assembly as soon as may be.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Coggeshall, William Anthony, jun. and Immanuel Northup, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to examine into the State and Circumstances of the several Ferries in this Colony, examine the Laws relating thereto, and report to this Assembly at their next Session, what they shall think necessary to be done, in order to put said Ferries under a good Regulation.*

Whereas sundry Persons, who call themselves Inhabitants of this Colony, have lately petitioned His Majesty, respecting our Paper Currency; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Jabez Bowen, Esq; Mr. Eliza Brown, and Joseph Nichols, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to inquire into the Relation, Statute, and Circumstances, which the said Petitioners stand in to His Majesty, and this Colony, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.*

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*An ACT Regulating and Establishing a just and equal Method of Gauging in and throughout this Colony.*

**W**H E R E A S the Manner of Gauging commonly used heretofore in this Colony, is not exactly true and equal in Casks of all different Dimensions, which hath occasioned many Complaints amongst those that have bought any Liquors by ~~gauge~~ in this Colony, and hath proved a great Discouragement to the Trade, and Dishonour to the Traders in this Colony in general.

For Remedy of which for the future,

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That from and after the fifteenth Day of August, A. D. 1751. no Rum, Molasses, Wine, Cyder, Beer, Brandy, or any other Liquid whatsoever, usually sold by Measure in Casks, shall be ~~gaged~~ in any other Way or Method, but according to the most approved and exact Mathematical Rule, commonly called, Gauging by Gunter; and that for that Purpose, proper Persons be chosen Gaugers in each Town in the Colony, where there shall be Occasion for it, which Officers shall be under Oath for the faithful Performance of their Trust: And that the Fees for Gauging a single Cask, shall be Two Shillings and Six-pence, and

and for Gauging any Number of Casks, not exceeding Ten, Two Shillings for each Cask ; and for any Number above Ten, One Shilling and Six-pence for each Cask : And that the Gauger that gauges every Cask, shall fairly mark the two first Letters of his Name, and the Quantity of the Gauge thereof, with marking or branding Irons, on the Head or Bilge of each Cask.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whosoever in this Colony, shall sell any of the afore-enumerated Commodities, or any others sold in Casks by ~~Gauge~~, gauged in any other Manner than is directed by this Act, every Person so offending, shall forfeit the Value of all the Commodities so sold ; to be recovered against him, by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, in any Court of Record in the County where the Offence is committed ; one Half thereof to the Informer, or he who shall sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the Town where the Goods shall be so unlawfully gauged.*

*Gage*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nicholas Cook, and Stephen Hopkins, Esqrs. Col. Immanuel Northup, and Mr. Jeremiah Lippit, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to examine into the Facts contained in a Petition preferred to His Majesty by sundry of the Inhabitants of the Colony ; a Copy of which is now lying before this Assembly, and Report their Opinion thereon as soon as may be.*

And the said Committee having assumed the Province assigned them, made the following Report.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to examine the Matters of Fact contained in a Petition preferred to His Majesty by sundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, and to report our Opinion thereon.

And we having taken that Business upon us, and having duly examined the Facts asserted in said Petition, and having carefully inquired into the Records of the Colony, that have any Relation to those Matters of Fact, do report, as our Opinion,

That the first Fact asserted, " That the Currency of this Government is so far from being fixed, that it hath sunk in its Value above one half within seven Years last past ;" which Assertion, we think, is not strictly true.

That the second Fact asserted, " That this Colony hath now out-standing, the Sum of £. 525,335 in Bills of Public Credit ;" which, upon Examination, we find not to be true, there not being, at the Date of the Petition, Bills amounting to that Sum, out-standing.

That

‘ That as to the other Facts asserted in this Petition, we, on the most exact Examination, cannot say but they are strictly true.’

*Newport, June 17. 1751.*

*Nicholas Cook,  
Stephen Hopkins,  
Jeremiah Lippitt,  
Immanuel Northup.*

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

WHEREAS several of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That Swine, going at large, have been very hurtful to many People, by destroying their Corn-Fields, and rooting up their Meadows and Pastures: That an Act made and past, to prevent Swine from going at large in *Providence* Town Street, was found good and prefittable, so far as it extended; and thereupon prayed, That the said Act may be extended from said *Providence* Town-Street, betwixt the two Rivers, *viz.* *Patucket* and *Mashaseck*, up to the dividing Line between said *Providence* and the Town of *Smithfield*. And this Assembly having taken the Affair into Consideration, *Do Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted*, That the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted, and that for the future, the said Act shall take Effect, and be of Force, and extend between the aforesaid Rivers of *Patucket* and *Mashaseck*, up to the Line that divides the Towns of *Providence* and *Smithfield*.

Whereas Mr. *Nathaniel Coggeshall*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning Small Arms, Pistols, and Cutlasses, belonging to the Government; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Ten Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Coggeshall* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for drawing the Lottery set up by an Act of Assembly, to raise a Sum of Money to be laid out in building a Bridge over *Patucket* River, be, and the same is hereby lengthen'd out unto the first Monday of September next.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Beriah Brown*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed to take the Care and Charge of the Horse, and all other Effects that belonged to *William Jackson*, who was lately murdered by *Thomas Carter* in *South-Kingstown*; and that the said *Beriah Brown* be, and he is hereby directed, and fully authorized and

and impowered in his own Name, to take and use all lawful Ways and Means to obtain, recover, and receive the said Horse, and all other Effects in this Colony, which were the said *Jackson's* at his Decease, to and for the Use of the said *Jackson's* lawful Representatives.

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*An ACT for naturalizing Francis Ferrati, now residing at Newport, in this Colony, Merchant, late a Subject of the Republic of Genoa.*

WHEREAS the said *Francis Ferrari* hath represented unto this Assembly, That he, both by Inclination and Circumstances, is induced to settle here, and become an Inhabitant of this Colony, and consequently a Subject of our Sovereign Lord the now King; and thereupon prayed, That upon his taking the Oaths by Law appointed, an Act of Naturalization may be passed by this Assembly, rendering him a Subject of his said Majesty, as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he were born so. And whereas it appears to this Assembly, the said *Francis Ferrari* hath given good Testimony of his dutiful Affection, and strong Attachment to serve and propagate the *British* Interest, as well else-where as here.

On Consideration whereof,

BE IT ENACTED by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the said *Francis Ferrari* be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, as naturalized, and is rendered and made equal in all Respects, to a free-born Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid to the Honourable *William Greene*, Esq; our present Governor, and Fifty Pounds to his Honour *Robert Hazard*, Esq; late Deputy Governor, out of the General Treasury, for their last Year's Salary, and extraordinary Service.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Edward Scott*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed to receive the Duplicate of our Charter of the Hon. *William Ellery*, Esq; late Deputy Governor of this Colony, and deliver the same to his Honour the present Deputy Governor, giving and taking a Receipt for the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby directed, and fully impowered to sue for and recover all the Estate of *Thomas Carter* that may be found, in order that Satisfaction be made therewith, for the Goods by him taken from *William Jackson*.

Whereas upon Occasion of the Death of his late Royal Highness *FREDERICK, Prince of Wales, &c.* it was ordered by his Majesty's Privy Council, That a particular Form should be observed, in praying for the Royal Family ; and this Colony have received Directions to cause the same to be published in the several Parish Churches, and other Places of Divine Worship within this Colony. *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to cause Proclamation to be made, that said Order be observed throughout this Colony, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Jonathan Nichols, Stephen Hopkins, and Peter Bours, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to take into Consideration the Petition of the Sugar Planters, Merchants, and others, trading to, and interested in his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in *America*, and to collect and gather such Facts as shall be thought proper to furnish the Agent with, as necessary in opposing said Petition ; and to that End, the said Committee are hereby invested with full Power to send for Persons and Papers from any Part of the Colony : And that said Committee prepare a Letter for his Honour the Governor to sign, to be sent to the neighbouring Governments, requesting their Assistance in the Affair.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Copy of the Petition preferred to his Majesty by sundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, respecting the Paper Currency, with the Petitioners Names thereto, together with the Resolutions of the House of Commons thereon, and also the Bill prepared in Consequence thereof, and presented to Parliament, be forthwith put into print at the Colony's Charge, and that Two Hundred Copies thereof be struck off ; and that each of the Members of the General Assembly, each of the Town's Committee for letting out the Bank Money (being not a Member of the Assembly) and each Town Clerk in this Colony, be furnished with a Copy ; and that the Secretary procure the same to be done.

*Peter Bours, George Wanton, and Thomas Cranston, Esqrs.* being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, made the following Report :

To

*To the Honourable General Assembly.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to burn the Bills of public Credit of this Colony, arising from a Number of Bills of Exchange drawn on Mr. *Richard Partridge*, Agent for the Colony, as by a Report made to the General Assembly, dated the 16th Day of March last ; and also to receive of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; and Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, the Contents of the Bills of Exchange drawn on them by said Mr. *Richard Partridge*, in Bills of the Old-Tenor of this Government, and to burn the same, REPORT, That we have received of the said *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Twenty-four Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, being the Amount of the Bill drawn on him ; and of the said *Walter Chaloner*, Nine Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Old-Tenor, being the Amount of Eighty-one Pounds Sterling ; which Sums reduced into Bills of Credit of this Colony, together with Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight Pounds and Two Shillings Old-Tenor, being the Amount of the Bills of Exchange, as appears by the aforesaid Report of March the 16th, we have burnt, as by Order of Assembly : And are, GENTLEMEN,

*Your most humble Servants,*

*Newport, June 18. 1751.*

*Peter Bours,  
George Wanton,  
Thomas Cranston.*

*To which Report, they subjoined the following Account.*

*The Colony to the Committee,*

Dr.---

<b>T</b> O our Commissions for negotiating the Bills on Messrs <i>Wanton</i> and <i>Chaloner</i> , amounting to Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds, at One and a Quarter per Cent.	£. 42 3 0
To Cash paid for drawing Twenty-one Sets of blank Bills of Exchange, for the Governor to sign,	4 0 0
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	£. 46 3 0

*Peter Bours,  
George Wanton,  
Thomas Cranston.*

And this Assembly having taken the said Report and Account into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted, and the said Account allowed, and that Forty-six Pounds Three Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Peter Bours*, *George Wanton*, and *Thomas Cranston*, out of the General Treasury,

Whereas

Whereas *Jonathan Easton*, of Middletown, in the County of Newport, represented unto this Assembly, That upon the Report of Messrs. *Robert Lawton*, *Jonathan Peck*, and *Matthew Allen*, to the General Assembly, concerning a Way from *Easton's* Beach Easterly, in the Town of Middletown aforesaid, the Town Council for the Town of Middletown, were ordered and impowered to lay out a Drift-way of a convenient Breadth across the Land of him the said *Jonathan Easton* in Part, according to the Direction of said Report. In Consequence whereof, the said Council did proceed and lay out said Way, but not according to the said Directions of the General Assembly, in the Place where the old Way used to be, but in another Place; and by altering the ancient Way, the said Road where it passeth thro' the said *Jonathan Easton's* Land, is Twenty-eight Rods in Breadth, altho' that Part where it so passeth through his Land, is but Twenty-five Rods in Length; so that the Order of the General Assembly is disobeyed, and the said *Jonathan* greatly hurt, and the Public no way benefited thereby: Whereupon he prayed Relief, &c. And this Assembly having taken the Petition into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Arnold*, *Job Randal*, and *Christopher Harris*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to go and examine into the Circumstances of the Drift-way in said Petition mentioned. And that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby directed, and fully impowered to determine how, and in what Manner, and of what Width the said Drift-way shall run thro' the Lands of the said *Jonathan Easton*, at his the said *Easton's* Charge, and that their Report in the Matter be final.

And the said Committee having entered upon, and performed the Business, made the following Report:

' **W**hereas We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to settle and state Part of the Drift-way thro' Middletown from Beach to Beach, thro' *Jonathan Easton's* Land, do report as followeth: To begin at the Northern and Eastermost Gate that stands where the old Bars was, upon the dividing Line between *Edward Easton's* and *Jonathan Easton's* Land, and to begin one Rod Northward of said Gate, and to run S. 80 E. 25 R. near to a Rock, and to be four Rods wide, lying South of said Line, as it appears by Plan abovesaid, which we think to be a sufficient Drift-way.

June 19. 1751.

*James Arnold,  
Job Randal,  
Christopher Harris.*

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

*It*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid to Capt. Joseph Harrison, and Mr. Matthew Robinson, out of the General Treasury, towards satisfying them for their Time, Trouble, and Expences, as Commissioners in the Service of the Colony, respecting the Northern Boundary Line.*

Whereas *Samuel Angel* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Work done, Boards, Clapboards, Shingles, Locks and Nails by him found and provided for the Use of the Public, in repairing his Majesty's Goal, &c. in the Town of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and Nineteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Angel* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, unto *Rowland Robinson*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Kings County*, for Monies by him advanced for repairing the Windows of the Court-House of that County.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *Daniel Dunham* and *Joseph Bennet*, for taking Care of the Colony House in *Newport*, for sweeping and keeping it in Order the Year past.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; Capt. *Joseph Harrison*, and Mr. *Matthew Robinson*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into all the Circumstances, and Matters of Fact, relating to the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, with full Power to procure all such Evidences, Records, and Papers, as may be thereunto necessary, and to correspond and join with the Colony of *Connecticut*, or a Committee by them appointed, if it be found most expedient in the Prosecution of that Affair; and upon the whole, to prepare as compleat a State of the Case as they are able, and to lay the same before this Assembly at their next Session, or as soon as the same can conveniently be done.*

Whereas Messrs. *Elisha Brown*, *Samuel Chace*, and *Joseph Nichols*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Time, Trouble, and Expence, in settling with the Directors of the Lottery for building *Waybost Bridge*; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed,

allowed, and that Twenty-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid them *out of the Interest Money appropriated to keep Waybosset Bridge in Repair.*

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in Newport by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and within forty, send Copies of them to each Town in the Colony, according to Law. And this Assembly is adjourned to the third Monday of August next.*

GOD Save the KING.

*Newport, June 28. 1751.*

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held by Adjournment at Newport in said Colony, on the third Monday of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one: And in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNEL, Esq;	

Aff. Aff.

Mr. JOHN GRELEA, jun. Deputy Secretary.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; Speaker.

N E W P O R T;		
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,	{	Mr. Joseph Wanton.
Edward Scott, Esq,		Lieu. Col. Christop. Harris,
The Speaker,	{	Portsmouth;
Peter Bours, Esq;		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Easton,	{	John Allen, Esq;
Capt. Job Bennet.		Mr. Thomas Brownel,
Providence;	{	Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;		Warwick;
Mr. Elisha Brown,	{	Capt. John Greene,
		Maj. Stephen Low.

I Westerly;

Westerly ;	Mr. George Gardner.
Capt. Caleb Church.	Coventry ;
Newshoreham ;	George Hall, Esq;
Mr. Abel Franklin, jun.	Mr. John Greene.
North-Kingstown ;	Exeter ;
Col. Immanuel Northup,	Capt. John Reynolds,
Bersah Brown, Esq;	Benoni Hall, Esq;
South-Kingstown ;	Middletown ;
Jeremiah Niles, Esq;	Mr. John Rogers,
Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun.	Mr. Peter Burker.
East-Greenwich ;	Bristol ;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	Jonathan Peck, Esq;
Thomas Spenser, Esq;	Joseph Russell, Esq,
Jamestown :	Tiverton ;
Mr. John Hall,	Capt. John Mawbester.
Joseph Clark, Esq;	Samuel Dursey, Esq;
Smithfield ;	Little-Compton ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;	Lieut. Col. John Hunt
John Aldrich, Esq;	Mr. Charles Brownel.
Scituate ;	Warren ;
Job Randal, Esq;	Capt. John Adams,
Glocester ;	Mr. John Cole.
Col. Richard Smith,	Cumberland ;
Timothy Wilmot, Esq;	Job Bartlet, Esq;
Charlestown ;	John Dexter, Esq;
Col. Christopher Champlin,	Richmond ;
Capt. Nathanael Lewis.	Samuel Tift, Esq;
West-Greenwich ;	Capt. Joseph Enos, jun.
Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;	

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

W H E R E A S Daniel Coggeshall, Stephen Hopkins, and Job Randal, Esqrs. were by this Assembly, at their last Session, appointed a Committee, to form the Draught of a Letter to be sent to the Agent, which yet remains undone ; and whereas Mr. Coggeshall is sick, and unable to attend on the Affair : This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Stephen Hopkins and Job Randal be still continued for the Purpose aforesaid, with the Addition of Jonathan Nichols, Esq; and that they proceed and perform the Business as soon as may be : And that the Secretary, or whoever has the Letters, or other Papers necessary to be examined, in order to the writing said Letter, deliver the same to said Committee.

Whereas

Whereas *John Walton*, jun. exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for procuring a Book of Records, and a Silver Seal for the County of Kent; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-four Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Walton*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Daniel Coggeshall, Immanuel Northup, and William Anthony*, jun. Esqrs. were by this Assembly, at their last Session, appointed a Committee, to inquire into the State and Circumstances of the several Ferries in this Colony, to examine the Laws relating thereto, and to make Report to this Assembly at their present Session, what is necessary to be done, in order to put said Ferries under a good Regulation: And the said Business being not yet performed, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Gentlemen be, and they are hereby continued a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid; and that they, or the major of them, do make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

The Gentlemen who were appointed a Committee to receive of Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, late Captain of Fort *George*, all the Stores belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same to Capt. *Samuel Freebody*, the present Captain of said Fort, giving and taking Receipts for the same, made the following Report:

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee, to take an Account of the Colony’s Stores at Fort *George*, and deliver them to Capt. *Samuel Freebody*, Report; Conformable to said Appointment, we have, in the Presence of Capt. *Walter Chaloner*, made the following List of Stores at Fort *George*, and delivered them to Capt. *Samuel Freebody*, as appears by his Receipt.

*In the Lower Battery, viz.*

25 Cannon and 25 Carriages, 5 Worms and 2 Ladles, 17 Spung Staffs, 53 Handspikes, 874 Cannon Shot.

*On the Platform, viz.*

12 Cannon and 12 Carriages, 24 Handspikes, 5 Worms and 2 Ladles, 13 Spung Staffs, 1 Speaking Trumpet, 1 Flag, 5 spare Wheels, 2 Pick-axes, 1 Grind-stone, 1 Iron Crow, 1 Wheelbarrow, 925 Cannon Shot, 8 Iron Pots.

*In*

*In the Magazine, viz.*

3 thirty Gallon Casks of Powder, 6 half Barrels *Ditto.*

*In the Chamber, viz.*

3 Ladies, 3 Worms, 14 Pair of Pistols, 17 Small Arms, 28 Linch Stocks, 1 old Drum, 9 Cartridge Boxes, 9 Powder Horns, 17 Cartouch Boxes, 4 half Barrels of Granado Shells, 1 small Cask of Pistol Cartridges, 5 Formers, a Quantity of empty Cartridges, 4 Cutlasses, a small Parcel of *Pistol Ball.*

*In the State Room, viz.*

13 Chairs, and 1 Table.

*Outside of the Fort, viz.*

One Triangle Gin. One rowing Boat at the Wharff.

Dated Newport, July 16. A. D. 1751.

*John Tillinghast,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield.*

“**I** hereby acknowledge, that I have in the Presence of the above Committee, received into my Care, all the Stores, agreeable to the foregoing List. Witness my Hand at Fort George, *July 16. A. D. 1751.* *Samuel Freebody.*”

To which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

“*Colony, - - - - Dr.* —

**T**o our Time and Trouble in taking the foregoing List, £. 9 0 0

*John Tillinghast,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted; and also, that the Account by the Committee charged against the Colony, be allowed, and the Sum of Nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of his Honour the Deputy Governor, with the Colony, when Naval Officer, presented the Assembly with the following Account; to which they subjoined their Report, &c.

1751. Dr.

1751. Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island to Joseph Whipple, Esq; Naval-Officer.*

August 13. TO Cash paid Clothier Pierce, as per

Receipt,	£.	50	0	0
To Ditto paid Joseph Scott,	21	0	0	
To Ditto paid Israel Abrahams,	40	0	0	
To Ditto paid the Committee's Draught in Favour of Abel Franklin,	200	0	0	
To Ditto paid James Card,	4	4	0	
To Ditto paid Uriah Bunker,	140	0	0	
To Ditto paid Ditto,	60	0	0	
To Ditto paid John Tweedy,	24	0	0	
To Ditto paid Israel Abrahams,	70	4	0	
To Ditto paid James Gardner,	80	0	0	
To Ditto paid Joseph Sandford,	2	14	0	
To Ditto paid Israel Abrahams,	105	0	0	
To Ditto paid Ditto,	80	0	0	
To Ditto paid Benjamin Thurston,	24	7	6	
To Ditto paid Joseph Ireson,	12	0	0	
To Ditto paid Edward Hammett,	69	0	0	
To Ditto paid Francis Skinner for Books,	15	0	0	
To Ditto paid Isaac Hart,	120	0	0	
To Ditto paid for carting Oil,	4	0	0	
To Ditto paid for carrying Oil over the Ferry,	2	4	0	
To Commissions on 1446l. 6s. at 5 per Cent.	72	6	3	
	£.	1195	19	9
Ballance due to the Colony,		250	6	3
	£.	1446	6	0

*For Charges on the Light-House, Cr.---*

1751. August 13	BY 17,204 Tons of foreign Vessels, at 1/6 per Ton,	£. 1290	6	0
	By 312 Coastal Vessels, at Ten Shillings each,	156	0	0
		£.	1446	6

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to audit the Account of the Naval Officer, do Report, That we have audited said Account, and find there is due to the Colony, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Six Shillings and Three Pence, as appears by the above Account stated.

Newport, August 13. A. D. 1751.

*John Tillinghaſt,*

*Thomas Cranfon,*

*James Sheffield."*

*" Colony,*

“ *Colony,* - - - - - Dr.—  
 TO our Time and Trouble in auditing the above Account,  
 £. 9 0 0

*John Tillinghast,  
 Thomas Cranston,  
 James Sheffield.”*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolved, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted ; that the Account of Nine Pounds, charged against the Colony by the Committee, be allowed, and paid them out of the afore-stated Ballance of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Six Shillings and Three Pence. *And it is also Voted and Resolved*, That the Naval-Officer procure the Light-House to be painted, and charge the Cost of doing it to the Income thereof.

Whereas Capt. *John Eldred* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance, as one of the Committee who examined into the Conduct of Capt. *James Holmes*, in *August, 1748* : And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolved, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Five Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Eldred* out of the General Treasury.

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*An ACT for erecting and establishing the Office of a Notary-Publick  
 in the Town of Providence.*

WHEREAS of late Years there hath been a great Increase of Trade, both Naval and Inland, and a large Accession of Inhabitants from the neighbouring Governments, and other Parts in the County of *Providence*, and particularly in the Town of that Name : By Means whereof, many sorts of Business, performable only by a Notary Publick, have, and do often happen and arise in the said County and Town. And whereas, there is but one Officer of that sort in this Colony, who hath always hitherto resided in *Newport*, which being at a considerable Distance, and the crossing two Ferries being necessary to get thither, hath already many times, and hereafter may put the trading Part of the said County and Town of *Providence*, and others, to great and needless Expences, in transacting and managing their Business.

For

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

**B E I T E N A C T E D** by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted. That from time to time, and at all times forever hereafter, at the General Assembly's annual Election of publick Officers at Newport, in the Month of May, they shall appoint and choose a Notary Publick for the County of Providence, who shall always live or reside in the Town of Providence, and being duly sworn, have full Power and Authority to act, transact, do, and finish, all and whatsoever Matters, Causes, or Things relating to drawing Protests, or protesting Bills, &c. as are by Law required; for which, the said Officer so to be made and appointed as aforesaid, shall have and take all and every such Fee and Fees as are now, or shall be hereafter established in this Colony for a Notary Publick: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.

**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That Edward Scott, Peter Bour, and Edward Easton, Esqrs. together with the Secretary, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to collect all the publick Acts and Laws of this Colony that have been made since the Termination of the printed Book, and put them into print, and make a Book thereof, with a proper Table; and that Five Hundred such Books, and no more, on any Pretence whatsoever, be printed, the whole to be at the Charge of the Colony, and when done, to be lodged in the Hands of the General Treasurer: *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee take Security of the Printer, that he will not print or suffer to be printed in his Press, any greater than the above-mentioned Number; and that one of said Books be delivered to each Town Clerk in the Colony, to and for the Use of each respective Town.

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*An ACT increasing the Allowance granted insolvent Debtors in His Majesty's Goal, and that of poor Prisoners at the King's Suit.*

**W**HEREAS the Allowance made by a late ACT of Assembly, for insolvent Debtors confined in Goal, is so small, and Provisions so dear, that the Goal-Keeper must be a considerable Loser, whilst he gives them a Sufficiency. *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted*, That for the future, Thirty Shillings per Week shall be allowed for the Maintenance of every insolvent Debtor that is now, or shall be hereafter confined to any one of His Majesty's Goals in this Colony; and

and that Twenty Shillings per Week be allowed for the Support of every poor Prisoner that is now, or shall hereafter be confined to any of said Goals at His Majesty's Suit.

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*An ACT for Naturalizing Peter Simon of Newport, in the County of Newport, Merchant, late a Subject of the French King.*

**W**H E R E A S the said *Peter Simon* represented unto this Assembly, That for several Years he hath been, and still continues to be a settled Inhabitant of this Colony, and hath in all Respects joined his Interest with the *British Subjects*, especially by marrying one; but as he was born out of the Allegiance of His Majesty the King of *Great-Britain*, he apprehends some Inconveniences attending that Situation, may be fairly removed, by this Assembly's passing an A&t of Naturalization, thereby admitting him a Subject of His said Majesty the King of *Great-Britain*, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

**B**E IT ENACTED by this Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the said *Peter Simon* be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, as naturalized, and is rendered and made equal in every Respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower House, Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall, Stethen Hopkins, Esq; and Mr. Nicholas Brown of Providence, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to try as many Experiments as they shall think fit, to discover the mean Diameter of any Cask, in order to give the true Gage thereof, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session: And that in the mean Time, the Method for finding the mean Diameter, shall be by adding six Tenths and one half of the Difference between the Diameter at the Head and Bung, to the Diameter at the Head.

Whereas *Henry Sabin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Eight Pounds by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, and Charges, in waiting one Day and an half at *Boston* for a Packet belonging to the Government, and bringing the same up to *Newport*; which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said *Henry Sabin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Joseph Ierzon* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Horse-hire, Time, and Expences, in going to call *Geoffry Watson*, Esq; at the Request of his Honour the Deputy Governor; which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Six Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the aforesaid *Joseph Ierzon* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for drawing the Lottery set up (in Consequence of an Act of the General Assembly) for raising a Sum of Money to build a Bridge over *Patucket* River, be lengthen'd to the first Monday in December next.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past in *May* and *June* last, for furnishing Paper for that Use, and for printing Two Hundred Copies of a Petition sent Home, and for printing One Hundred and Twenty Proclamations issued by Order of the General Assembly, on Occasion of the Death of His Royal Highness *Frederick Prince of Wales*, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Eighty-three Pounds Two Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas there was exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged by *Joseph Hull, jun.* against *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kings* County, for a Plate of Iron for the Goal in said County, for Irons to hang *Thomas Carter* lately executed at *South-Kingsbown*, in, &c. Which being duly examined and considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Sixty-two Pounds Seven Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Hull, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *James Arnold, George Brown, Obediah Brown, and Samuel Chace*, Esqrs. four of the Grand Committee, living three in the Town of *Providence*, and the other in *Warwick*, represented unto this Assembly, That their coming to *Newport* in order to sign the Bank of Bills of Credit now to be emitted, will be attended with great Charge and Ill-convenience, and thereupon prayed they may have the Liberty to take and carry to *Providence* the two Northern Counties Proportion of said Bank, and there sign the same.

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Which

Which being duly considered,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,*  
That the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted, and that the Gentlemen of the Grand Committee above-named, have the Liberty to take and carry to Providence, the two Northern Counties Proportion of the said Bank, for the End and Purpose aforesaid.

The Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of a Lottery set up for building a Bridge over *Patuxit* River, near the Falls, presented this Assembly with the following Report and Accounts.

“WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the *Patuxit* Lottery, do Report as followeth, That we have carefully examined the same, relating the Charges of building the Bridge, and find them right cast, and well vouch'd, and are of Opinion they ought to be allowed: But as to the Prize Tickets they paid off, they shew'd none to us (tho' ask'd therefor) and said, They did not look upon us to have any thing to do therewith, according to the Vote of the General Assembly.

*Providence, June 5. 1751.*

*Robert Gibbs,  
Joseph Sheldon,  
Joseph Wanton.”*

1751. June 5. *Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr. to Messrs. Robert Gibbs, Joseph Sheldon, and Joseph Wanton.*

FOR our Time, and Trouble, and Charges, in going to *Patuxit* to view the Timber and Work, with the Accounts of the Bridge. £. 6 8 0

1750 Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to James Arnold, John Dexter, Elisha Brown, Jeremiah Lippit, and James Rhoads.*

Dec. 3. **T**O John Dexter's Bill, £. 337 11 8  
To James Arnold's Ditto, 538 9 0  
To Elisha Brown's Ditto, 262 14 6  
To Jeremiah Lippit's Ditto, 94 0 0  
To James Rhoads's Ditto, 338 15 0  
To 3 per Cent. on £. 24,000 raised by Way  
of Lottery for building a Bridge at *Patuxit*  
Falls, being for building said Bridge, 720 0 0

**C**r. By Ballance due in Favour of the Colony, £. 2291 10 2  
108 9 10  
£. 2400 0 0  
9 10

*The Colony of Rhode-Island, to James Arnold, John Dexter, Elisha Brown, Jeremiah Lippit, and James Rhoads,* Cr.---  
*1750. BY Ten per Cent. drawn on £. 24,000 raised by Way of Dec. 3 a publick Lottery, to build a Bridge at Patuzit Falls,*  
*agreable to a Vote of the General Assembly, £. 24000 0 0*

*Providence, Dec. 4. 1750. Errors excepted by*

*James Arnold,*  
*John Dexter,*  
*Elisha Brown,*  
*Jeremiab Lippit,*  
*James Rhoads,* } Directors.

*1751. Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr. to James Arnold, Esq;*

*June 5. FOR Cash paid for 2 Sticks of Timber*

*omitted in his Account, at 6l. which is £. 12 0 0  
 Therefore the Ballance due to the Colony, is 96 9 10*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report of the Committee be accepted and allowed. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Account of the Directors be also accepted, the Ballance thereof due to the Colony, being Ninety-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten Pence; that out of the same, there be paid Six Pounds Eight Shillings to the Committee, for their Time and Trouble in auditing the Accounts; that the Remainder of the Ballance be appropriated to the Repairing the aforesaid Bridge; and that *James Arnold, Esq; and Mr. James Rhoads*, be appointed to do the same, and receive the Money for that Use, giving a Receipt therefor, and to make Report to the General Assembly.

The Committee that was appointed by this Assembly at their last Session, to inquire into the Relation, Station, and Circumstances of sundry Persons who (calling themselves Inhabitants of this Colony) lately petitioned His Majesty respecting our Paper Currency, made the following Report:

*"To the General Assembly now sitting in Newport, the 22d of August, A. D. 1751.*

BY Virtue of the Vote of the General Assembly in June last, appointing us to inquire into the Relation, Station, and Circumstances, which certain Persons, lately Petitioners to His Majesty, stand in, to His Majesty and this Colony, as by said Vote may appear, we have inquired into the same, in the best Manner we are capable, for the Time, and do Report, That we find, upon the best Information we can obtain, that all but twelve of the said Petitioners are Freemen of this Colony, or of some Town or other

other in this Colony ; and as to their Relation, Station, or Circumstances, we find that two of them are Officers, to wit, *Ebenezer Richardson* is a Justice of the Peace in this Colony, in the County of *Newport*, and *Samuel Freebody* Captain of the Fort, and that the Circumstances of some of them, are visibly very considerable ; but the Circumstances of others are to us unknown.

*Jabez Bowen,  
Elisha Brown,  
Joseph Nichols.*"

And now this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Draught of a Letter to our Agent in *Great-Britain*, made by a Committee appointed for that Purpose, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that a fair Copy thereof be made, to be signed by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent by the first Opportunity.

**W**H E R E A S the Bills of Credit that have been emitted by this Colony, have all along, from their first being current as a Medium of Exchange, depreciated, and gradually grown less in their Value down to this Time, which hath occasioned many People to complain, and that with just Cause, that they have been Sufferers by such the Alteration of the Medium established by the Laws of this Colony : Therefore for the Preventing any such Inconveniency from happening for the Future,

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is hereby Enacted,* That in all Debts that now are, or hereafter shall become due in this Colony, by any Manner or Way whatsoever, that for every Sixty-four Shillings appearing to be due in Old-Tenor Bills, or for every Sixteen Shillings appearing to be due in New-Tenor Bills, or for every Six Shillings and Nine Pence appearing to be due in the Bills emitted in *March, A. D. 1750*, the Debtor at the Time of Payment, shall pay as much in any of the afore-mentioned Bills, as at the Time of Payment are really and truly worth one Ounce of Silver of Sterling Alloy, and that all Judgments in all the Courts in this Colony, shall at all Times hereafter be made up agreeable to this Act.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Court shall at any Time hereafter in this Colony, make up Judgments against any Man for any Debt whatsoever that does not exceed Sixty-four Shillings in Old-Tenor Bills, or Sixteen Shillings in New Tenor Bills, or Six Shillings and Nine Pence in the Bills emitted in *March, A. D. 1750*, for more of any of said Bills than at the Time of

of making up such Judgment, are truly and really worth one Ounce of Silver of Sterling Alloy at that Time, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Sum.

“ **W**E the Subscribers do dissent from, and protest against this Bill for the following Reasons.

1. Because we are of Opinion, that the Method proposed in this Bill will not prevent a further Depreciation of the Bills we have now out-standing, which are fixed by Laws of the Colony at a very different Value from what they are stated at in this Bill.

2. Because our Bills of the New-Tenor, are by the Acts whereby they were emitted, of the same Value as the Bills by the Act of March past, to be emitted; and it is manifestly absurd and unjust, that Six Shillings and Nine Pence of the one should be made equal to Sixteen Shillings of the other.

3. Because Six Shillings and Nine Pence in Bills of the New Tenor, are by a Law of this Colony, made in *May, 1741*, equal only to Twenty-seven Shillings in Bills of Old Tenor; but by this Bill, Sixty-four Shillings in our Old-Tenor Bills are made equal to Six Shillings and Nine Pence in Bills of the same Value as the Bills of the New Tenor, which appears to us to be manifestly unreasonable and unjust.

4. Because if this Bill should pass into a Law, we apprehend that the Publick Faith and Credit of the Government will be violated.

*Newport, August 23. 1751.*

*Peter Bours,  
Edward Scott.*

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Form of the Oath to be taken by all Persons, Inhabitants and Residents in this Colony, obtaining Judgments in any Courts of Record in this Colony, before they are intitled to Executions thereon, and by all Persons in this Colony elected into Office, previous to their Entrance thereon, and also by all Persons not settled and allowed Inhabitants, that have or shall come into any Town in this Colony, with a Design or Intent to carry on any Trade and Commerce, shall be as followeth.

**T**O U *do solemnly (affirm) that you have not wil-*  
*tingly or willingly, directly or indirectly, by yourself or others, since*  
*the Twenty-eighth Day of June, A. D. 1751, contracted for, given,*  
*taken, paid, accounted, or settled, for Gold, Silver, or Bills of Exchange,*  
*in any other Manner or Form than what is regulated by two Acts of*  
*the General Assembly of this Colony, one made and passed at Providence.*

*the third Monday of March, Annoq; Dom. 1750, and the other at Newport, on the second Monday of June, Annoq; Dom. 1751: And that you will for the future, punctually and bona fide, observe and comply with the Directions of the said Acts respectively, so long as the same shall be and continue in Force.*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk, or other Officer administering the Oath, shall have for the same, Two Shillings, and for writing the Certificate, Two Shillings Old Tenor, to be paid by the Party taking the Oath.*

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**T**HE Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively.

Lieut Col. *Joseph Stafford*, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent, in the Room of Col. *Benoni Waterman*, who refus'd: And Maj. *Stephen Low*, Lieutenant Colonel of the same Regiment, in the Room of said Col. *Stafford*.

*P R O V I D E N C E*, First Company:

*Benjamin Eddy, Captain*; *John Hoyl, jun. Lieutenant*; *Ezra Dean, Ensign*.

*Second Company*: *John Clark, Captain*; *John Warner, Lieutenant*; *William Dyre, Ensign*.

*Third Company*: *John Waterman (Son of Resolved) Captain*; *Daniel Sprague, Lieutenant*; *Samuel Windsor, jun. Ensign*.

*Fourth Company*: *John Dexter, jun. Captain*; *Samuel Eborn, jun. Lieutenant*; *Stephen Hawkins, Ensign*.

*Fifth Company*: *Matthew Manchester, Captain*; *Jonathan Knight, jun. Lieutenant*; *Daniel Burlingham, Ensign*.

*Sixth Company*: *Isaiah Hawkins, Captain*; *Charles Olney, Lieutenant*; *Thomas Olney (Son of Thomas) Ensign*.

*E X E T E R*; First Company:

*George Weight, Captain*; *John Casey, Lieutenant*; *Joshua Gardner, Ensign*.

*Second Company*: *John Rathbone the third, Captain*; *Stephen Austin, Lieutenant*; *William Eldred, Ensign*.

*Company of C U M B E R L A N D*:

*Gideon Tower, Captain*; *John Nicholson, Lieutenant*; *Nathaniel Whipple, Ensign*.

*W A R W I C K*; First Company:

*James Arnold, jun. Lieutenant in the Room of Rufus Barton who refused, and Simon Arnold, Ensign*.

*E A S T - G R E E N W I C H*; Second Company:

*John Gifford, Lieutenant in the Room of Benjamin Corey, deceased, and Benjamin Sweet, jun. Ensign*.

*W E S T -*

*W E S T - G R E E N W I C H*; First Company:  
John Niles, *Captain*; John Albro, *Lieutenant*; Nicholas Whit-  
ford (Son of Pasco) *Ensign*.

*R I C H M O N D* Company:

Joseph Woodmancy, *Captain*; Ezekiel Barber, *Lieutenant*;  
Stephen Wilcox, *Ensign*.

Lieut. Col. Stephen Low, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of  
*Warwick*.

Capt. Jeremiah Gardner, a Justice of the Peace for the Town  
of *North-Kingstown*.

James Congdon, jun. a Justice of the Peace for the Town of  
*Charlestown*, in the Room of *John Clark*, who refused.

*Geoffry Champlin*, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

*Philip Tabor*, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Tiverton*.

*Simeon Perry*, a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Richmond*,  
in the Room of Capt. *Joseph Enos*, jun. who refused.

William Dean, *Lieutenant*, and Eliphalet Filbrook, *Corner of the  
Troop of Horse for the County of Providence*.

**T**HE Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of  
the Committee that paid off the Officers and Soldiers raised in  
this Colony for the Expedition intended against *Canada*, presented  
this Assembly with the following Report and Account.

Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. to Stephen Hopkins.*

1750.	TO Money paid to the Officers and Soldiers	Sterling: Currency:
Octo. 31.	raised for the <i>Canada Expedition</i> , per Account rendered, <i>Sterling</i> .	£.1295 10 7
900 per Cent. Exchange, or 10 for 1, is		£.12955 5 10
Ballance due to the Colony;	19 8 1	194 0 10
		£.1314 18 8
		£.13149 6 8

Cr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. to Stephen Hopkins.*

1749.	BY the Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service, rais'd in this Colony for the Reduction of <i>Canada</i> ; first commanded by Capt. <i>William Rice</i> until his Death, afterwards by Capt. <i>Nathan Carpenter</i> ,	Sterling. Currency:
		£.1314 18 8
900 per Cent. Exchange, or 10 for 1, is		£.13149 6 8
		£. We

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of that Committee which were appointed to pay off the Officers and Soldiers rais'd for the intended Expedition against Canada, do Report: Conformable to said Appointment, we have audited the above Account of *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; one of said Committee, and do find there is due from him to the Colony, One Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Ten Shillings Old-Tenor, as appears by the above Account stated.

*Dated* Newport, August 21. A.D. 1751.

*Joseph Whipple,  
John Tillinghast,  
Thomas Cranston.”*

“ *Colony of Rhode-Island,* - - -  
“ **T**O our Time and Trouble auditing the above Account, likewise auditing the Account of *Messrs. George Wanton, and James Sheffield*, two others of said Committee,

*Dr.*

*£. 45 0 c*

*Joseph Whipple,  
John Tillinghast,  
Thomas Cranston.”*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, and duly examined the same *Do Vote and Resolve and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted: That the Account charged by the Committee against the Colony, be allowed, and Forty-five Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in Newport by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and past, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within thirty, tend Copies of them to each Town in the Colony, according to Law: And this Assembly is adjourned to the last Monday of October next, if called at said Time by either of their Honours the Governor or Deputy Governor, but if not called before nor at said Time, then this Assembly shall be dissolved.*

G O D S a v e t h e K I N G.

Newport, August 26. 1751.

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America; begun and held at South-Kingstown in said Colony, the last Wednesday of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one: And in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

PRESENT,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	DANIEL COGGE HALL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNE, Esq;	Asst. JEFFRY WATSON, Esq;
ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;	

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT;	{	Portsmouth;
Edward Scott, Esq;		William Anthony, jun. Esq;
Thomas Cranston, Esq;		John Allen, Esq;
Peter Bours, Esq;		Caleb Hill, Esq;
Mr. Jonathan Easton,		Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.	Warwick;	
Providence;	Jeremiah Lippit, Esq;	
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Maj. John Rhodes,	
Jonathan Randal, Esq;	Lieut. Col. Stephen Low,	
	Mr. William Greene.	
	Westerly:	

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Westerly ;	Mr. John Weight.
<i>Joshua Babcock, Esq;</i>	Coventry ;
<i>Mi. Joshua Clark.</i>	Mr. John Greene,
Newshoreham ;	<i>Thomas Mather</i> Esq;
None	
North-Kingstown ;	Exeter ,
<i>Col. Immanuel Northup,</i>	Capt. John Reynolds,
<i>Beriah Brown, Esq;</i>	<i>Job Tipp,</i> Esq;
South-Kingstown ;	Middletown ;
<i>Mi. Benjamin Peckham, jun.</i>	Capt. William Turner,
East-Greenwich ;	Mr. Joshua Coggeshall.
<i>Joseph Nichols, Esq;</i>	Bristol ;
<i>Mi. John Try.</i>	<i>Jonathan Peck,</i> Esq;
Jamestown :	<i>Joseph Russel,</i> Esq;
<i>Joseph Clark, Esq;</i>	Tiverton ;
<i>Mi. Joshua Arnold, jun.</i>	Mr. Edward Wanton,
Smithfield ;	Mr. Thomas Howland.
<i>Thomas Arnold, Esq;</i>	Little-Compton ;
<i>John Aldrich, Esq;</i>	<i>Samuel Wilbore,</i> Esq;
Seituate ;	Mr. Thomas Church.
<i>Job Randal Esq;</i>	Warren ;
<i>Gideon Harris, Esq;</i>	Mr. John Cole.
Glocester ;	Capt. John Adams,
<i>Col. Richard Smith,</i>	Cumberland ;
Charlestown ;	Mr. Jeremiah Whipple,
<i>Col. Christopher Champlin,</i>	Capt. Ichabod Peck.
<i>Capt. Nathanael Lewis.</i>	Richmond ;
West-Greenwich ;	Mr. John Webster,
<i>George Gardner, Esq;</i>	Mr. Robert Lillbridge.

*Thomas Cranston, Esq;* was chosen Speaker : And

*Mi. Josias Lyndon,* Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**H E R E A S *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony for printing the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly at their Session in August last, and furnishing Paper for the Work ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Thirty Pounds the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas upon His Majesty's creating His Royal Highness Prince George Prince of Wales, He was pleased to order in Council, that

that a particular Form of Prayer should be used in praying for the Royal Family, and hath directed this Government to cause the same to be published in the several Parish Churches, and other Places of Divine Worship within this Colony, &c. *This Assembly therefore do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honour the Governor cause Proclamation to be made of the aforesaid Order throughout the Colony, requiring it to be observed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof

The Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, presented this Assembly with the following Report, &c.

1751. *The Colony of Rhode-Island to Thomas Richardson General Treasurer,* Dr.---

**T**O Cash for sundry Disbursements from the first Day of *August*, 1750, to the 18th Day of *October*, 1751, together with Interest Money paid to several Towns, and incident Charges, as taken from the Treasurer's Alphabetical Book,

To the Treasurer's Salary for the Year 1750.

£. 10,694 12 4  
200 0 0

To short Interest of the eighth Bank for the Towns of *Warwick* and *Westerly*, for the Year

1750,  
To Cash paid the Printer for Votes of Assembly;  
Ballance due from *Thomas Richardson*, Esq;  
General Treasurer, to the Colony, being  
Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Six  
Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny in  
Money and Bonds.

2 14 0  
1 15 0

23,206 18 1  
£. 34,105 19 5

1751. *C O N T R A,*

Cr.---

**B**Y Ballance due to the Colony from the General Treasurer, as settled by the Auditors the 1st

Day of *August*, A. D. 1750, £. 20065 8 5

By the Interest of the seventh Bank, for the Year 1750, - - - - - 3200 0 0

By the Interest of the eighth Bank, for the Year 1750, - - - - - 6400 0 0

**By**

By Cash receiv'd of Col. <i>Northup</i> , being the Produce of the Colony's Powder sold at Vendue,	235 11 0
By <i>Ditto</i> receiv'd of the Attorney General, for a Fine to the Colony,	15 0 0
By <i>Stephen Wilcox's</i> Bond, due April 19, 1751, for	780 0 0
By <i>Abel Franklin's</i> Bond, due October the 25th, 1751, for	3400 0 0
By Cash receiv'd for ten Colony Law Books sold since the last Audit,	10 0 0
By one Book deliver'd to the Inferior Court of the County of <i>Newport</i> ,	
By 164 Books in the Treasury, unfold,	

£. 34,105 19 5

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; the present General Treasurer, do find that there is due from the said *Thomas Richardson* to the Colony, the Sum of Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny, as appears by the Account above-stated; in which a Number of *non est* Bonds are included, amounting to a large Sum: Which is submitted to the honourable General Assembly, by

*Newport, October 18. 1751.*

*Peter Bourne,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield.*”

To which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account, viz.

“ *The Colony to the Committee,* - - - *Dr.*  
“ **T**O our Time and Trouble in auditing the above Account, two Days,

£. 18 0 0  
*Peter Bourne,  
Thomas Cranston,  
James Sheffield.*”

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted; and that the Account by the Committee charged against the Colony, be allowed, and Eighteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

**Whereas**

Whereas *Peter Bours*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for furnishing twenty Reams of Paper, in order to perfect the Design of revising and reprinting the Laws of the Colony ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Bours* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Mr. Ichabod Peck*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Gentlemen that were appointed and impowered to build a Bridge over *Pawtucket* River, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas *John Clark* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Sloop-hire, Horse-hire, for his Expences and Wages, on a Voyage to *New-York*, &c. in the Service of the Public, *Anno 1744* ; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Eleven Pence, the Amount thereof in Bills of Credit of this Colony, be paid unto the said *John Clark* out of the General Treasury.

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That the Clerks of the several Courts in this Colony, be, and they are hereby directed and impowered to issue out Executions of Judgments obtained, or to be obtained by the Grand Committee, in the Names of so many of them as shall at the Time of issuing such Execution or Executions, take, or have previously taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the General Assembly, at their Session in *Newport* last *August*, to be taken, in order to qualify Persons to sue out Executions. *And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Persons chosen into any Office in this Colony, who refuse to take said Oath or Affirmation, shall immediately thereupon cease to be such an Officer.

Whereas the Town of *Providence*, did by *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; one of their Deputies, represent unto this Assembly, that in and near said Town, for some Time past, there hath been, and still is carried on, a considerable Trade by Sea, whereby the Small-Pox hath of late been very often brought into said Town : and as there is no Pest-House in that Part of the Colony for the receiving such

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infected Persons, there is very great Danger of the Distemper's spreading, which (should it happen) would be of very fatal Consequence to this Colony: He therefore in Behalf of said Town, prayed a Grant of such a Sum of Money out of the General Treasury as this Assembly shall think reasonable for the Purpose aforesaid: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury towards building a Pest-House, for the End and Purpose aforesaid: And that Mr. William Smith of Providence be impowered to draw said Sum for the Use aforesaid, upon sufficient Security's being lodged in the General Treasury, that all Parts of the Government shall have the Privilege of making Use of said House as often as Occasion shall require, the County of *Newport* excepted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Coggeshall, Immanuel Northup, and William Anthony, jun. Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby farther continued a Committee, to examine into the State and Circumstances of the several Ferries in this Colony, to examine the Laws relating thereto, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

The Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee by the General Assembly, to build a Goal in the County of *Kent*, presented the following Account.

1751. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, to Joseph Nichols and Rufus Greene,* Dr.---

<i>To</i> Expenses towards building the Goal in East-Greenwich, for the County of Kent,	<i>£.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>To</i> Abial Hall's <i>Account,</i>				
<i>To</i> John Green's <i>Ditto,</i>			63	4 0
<i>To</i> George Green's <i>Ditto,</i>				5 10 0
<i>To</i> William Spencer's <i>Ditto,</i>			30	0 0
<i>To</i> Jonathan Weaver's <i>Ditto,</i>			36	6 8
<i>To</i> Jeremiah Hunt's <i>Ditto,</i>				4 0 0
<i>To</i> Joshua Coggeshall's <i>Ditto,</i>			18	0 0
<i>To</i> John Pierce's <i>Ditto,</i>			47	7 0
<i>To</i> John Roberts's <i>Ditto,</i>			12	19 0
<i>To</i> John Parker's <i>Ditto,</i>			32	0 0
<i>To</i> Benjamin Weeks's <i>Ditto,</i>			44	13 4
<i>To</i> Samuel Cahoon's <i>Ditto,</i>				5 5 0
<i>To</i> Francis Barker's <i>Ditto,</i>			50	17 6
<i>To</i> Daniel Rementon's <i>Ditto,</i>			10	16 0
<i>To</i> William Sweet's <i>Ditto,</i>			7	10 0
				<i>To</i>

To John Allerton's <i>Account</i> ,	227	7	0
To George Vaughan's <i>Ditto</i> ,	8	0	0
To William Baker's <i>Ditto</i> ,	14	5	0
To John Lyon's <i>Ditto</i> ,	120	0	0
To Daniel Smith's <i>Ditto</i> ,	34	0	0
To John Coggeshall's <i>Ditto</i> ,	35	19	0
To John Corps's <i>Ditto</i> ,	17	5	0
To Samuel Hunt. jun. <i>Ditto</i> ,	10	0	0
To Nicholas Stephens's <i>Ditto</i> ,	114	3	0
To Samuel Basset's <i>Ditto</i> ,	12	0	0
To Thomas Kinnicut's <i>Ditto</i> ,	138	0	0
To Job Gardner's <i>Ditto</i> ,	17	2	0
To Richard Stafford's <i>Ditto</i> ,	22	0	0
To Joseph Baley's <i>Ditto</i> ,	13	0	0
To Rufus Green's <i>Ditto</i> ,	65	16	0
To Joseph Nichols's <i>Ditto</i> ,	188	14	0
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	£.	1454	4 1

*Joseph Nichols,  
Rufus Green.*

And now this Assembly having taken the aforesaid Account into Consideration, and duly examined it, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of Fourteen Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds Four Shillings and One Penny, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Nichols and Rufus Green, Esqrs.* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Session in Newport on the second Monday of June last, appointed Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Peter Bours, and Jeremiah Niles, Esq; or the major Part of them, a Committee to examine all the Accounts which have arisen upon the apprehending, prosecuting, convicting, and executing *Thomas Carter, &c.* And two of the Gentlemen having assumed that Province, reported to this Assembly as followeth.

*" South-Kingstown, October 2. 1751.*

**W**hereas we the Subscribers, were by the General Assembly, appointed a Committee to examine all the Accounts which have arisen upon the apprehending, prosecuting, convicting, and executing *Thomas Carter*, and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as may be; and having receiv'd fundry of said Accounts, and examined the same, do Report, That the Persons whose Names are under written, shall be paid out of the General Treasury, the Sums to their several Names annexed, as follows, *viz.*

To

<b>To</b> Nathanael Helme,	-	£.	43	5	0
<i>To</i> James Helme,	-		3	10	9
<i>To</i> Abigail Fry,	-		6	0	0
<i>To</i> Samuel Allen,	-		7	10	0
<i>To</i> John Easton,	-		8	9	6
<i>To</i> John Steadman,	-		8	15	0
<i>To</i> Joshua Potter,	-		4	0	0
<i>To</i> Joseph Torry,	-		2	0	0
<i>To</i> James Card,	-		18	16	0
<i>To</i> John Weight,	-		25	15	4
<i>To</i> Silas Helme.	-		31	0	0
<i>To</i> Beriah Brown,	-		100	0	0
<i>To</i> John Cafe,	-		29	0	0
<i>To</i> Samuel Steadman,	-		27	0	0
<i>To</i> Samuel Albro,	-		6	0	0
<i>To</i> Thomas Hazard,	-		63	12	9
<i>To</i> Immanuel Cafe,	-		21	0	0
<i>To</i> Latham Clark,	-		1	10	0
<i>To</i> William Bently,	-		2	0	0
<i>To</i> Rouse Helme,	-		97	18	6
<i>To</i> Daniel Coggeshall,	-		15	0	0
<i>To</i> William Preston, <i>for himself and his Daughter,</i>	-		15	4	9
<i>To</i> Joshua Millard	-		10	10	0
<i>To</i> Rowland Robinson,	-		33	15	0

*Jeremiah Niles,  
B. Peckham, jun.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted, and that the several Sums therein mentioned, be paid out of the General Treasury to the Persons against whose Names they are respectively set. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby farther continued to the End and Purpose for which they were originally appointed.

Whereas *Thomas Hazard*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal at South-Kingstown, in the County of Kings County by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, That on the 24th of February last, one *Thomas Carter* of Newport, was committed to said Goal for the Murder of *William Jackson*, late of *Virginia*: That said *Carter* was by the said *Hazard* safely kept in said Goal till the tenth of *May*, when he was executed. That from a general Fear which spread itself through the Country, an Attempt might be made to rescue said *Carter*, the Petitioner was forbidden by the Authority, to

to entertain Strangers or Travellers, and was obliged to be constantly at Home to his great Loss, &c. And thereupon prayed the Sum of Five Pounds per Week might be allowed and paid him out of the General Treasury. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and it is hereby granted.

Whereas *Sandford Case* exhibited an Account by him charged against the Government for Firewood provided for this Assembly during their present Session Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and Six Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, paid the said *Sandford Case* out of the General Treasury.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That all Busines lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred to their next Session : And that the Secretary proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and past, within ten Days, and send Copies of them according to Law, to each Town in the Colony, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the last *Tuesday of February* next.

**G O D   S a v e   t h e   K I N G.**

Newport, Nov. 6. 1751,

*Published by Beat of Drum according to Order, by*

**THOMAS WARD, Secy.**

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the  
GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations,  
in New-England, in America; begun and held by  
Adjournment, at South-Kingstown, the last Tuesday of  
February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two:  
And in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Most  
Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of  
GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King,  
Defender of the Faith, &c.*

## P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *JOSEPH WHIPPLE*, Esq; Dep. Gov

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	DANIEL COGGESHALL, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	<i>Aybt.</i> JEOFFERY WATSON, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	<i>Aybt.</i>

## The SECRETARY.

## DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. *THOMAS CRANSTON*, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT;	{	Portsmouth;
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,		<i>William Anthony, jun.</i> Esq;
Edward Scott, Esq;		<i>John Allen, Esq;</i>
The Speaker,		<i>Mr. Gideon Freeborn, jun.</i>
Peter Bours, Esq;	{	Warwick;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.		<i>Ceremiah Lippit, Esq;</i>
Providence;		<i>Maj. John Rhodes,</i>
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;		<i>Lieut. Col. Stephen Low,</i>
Mr. Elipha Brown,	{	<i>Mr. William Greene.</i>
Jonathan Randal, Esq;		<i>Westerly;</i>

Westerly ;		Capt. Nathanael Lewis.
<i>Joshua Babcock, Esq;</i>		West-Greenwich ;
<i>Mr. Joshua Clark.</i>		<i>George Gardner, Esq;</i>
<i>Newhoreham ;</i>		<i>Mr. John Weight.</i>
<i>None.</i>		Coventry ;
<i>North-Kingstown ;</i>		<i>Mr. John Greene.</i>
<i>Col. Immanuel Northup,</i>		Exeter ;
<i>Beriah Brown, Esq;</i>		Capt. John Reynolds.
<i>South-Kingstown ;</i>		Middletown ;
<i>Mr. Jeoffry Hazzard,</i>		Capt. William Turner,
<i>Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun.</i>		<i>Mr. Joshua Coggeshall.</i>
<i>East-Greenwich ;</i>		Bristol ;
<i>Joseph Nichols, Esq;</i>		<i>Jonathan Peck, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. John Fry.</i>		<i>Joseph Ruffel, Esq;</i>
<i>Jamestown :</i>		<i>Tiverton ;</i>
<i>Joseph Clark, Esq;</i>		<i>Mr. Thomas Howland.</i>
<i>Mr. Josiah Arnold, jun.</i>		<i>Little-Compton ;</i>
<i>Smithfield ;</i>		<i>Mr. Thomas Church.</i>
<i>Thomas Arnold, Esq;</i>		Warten ;
<i>John Aldrich, Esq;</i>		<i>None.</i>
<i>Scituate ;</i>		Cumberland ;
<i>Job Randal, Esq;</i>		<i>Mr. Jeremiah Whipple,</i>
<i>Gideon Harris, Esq;</i>		<i>Richmond ;</i>
<i>Glocester ;</i>		<i>Mr. John Webster,</i>
<i>Andrew Brown, Esq;</i>		<i>Mr. Robert Lillibridge.</i>
<i>Charlestown ;</i>		
<i>Col. Christopher Champlin,</i>		

Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.

**T**HE Gentlemen that were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery lately set up for building a Bridge over Pautucket River, having perpetrated that Business, presented this Assembly with the following Account and Report :

“ Dr. Bridge over Pautucket River, with the Directors of the Lottery set forth for that Purpose.

1751.	To Capt. David Whipple's Account,	£. 1452 17 0
	To Mr. John Dexter's Account,	1014 15 2
	To Capt. Obediah Brown's Account,	50 17 0
	To Mr. Paul Tew's Account,	13 15 0
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		£. 2532 4 2
		Cr.

*Bridge over Pautucket River, with the Directors of the Lottery, set forth for that Purpose.*

1751. **B**Y the Money raised by Lottery, and by the General Assembly appropriated to the Bridge By Ballance due to the Directors,

£. 2002 10 0	}
529 14 2	
£. 2532 4 2	

*Cumberland, Feb. 18th. 1752.*

Errors excepted, per

*Obadiah Brown,  
David Whipple,  
John Dexter,  
Paul Tew."*

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the Committee appointed to build a Bridge over *Pautucket River*, have received and examined their Accounts, and the Vouchers for all the Articles therein contained, *do Report*, The above Account by them stated and signed, are just, true, and exact; and that the above Ballance is due to them.

*Stephen Hopkins,  
Ichabod Peck."*

*Cumberland, Feb. 18. 1752.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, and duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted.

Whereas *Peter Boars*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony for ten Reams of Paper by him provided for printing the Laws of the Government: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Sixty-five Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Boars* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for printing Two Hundred Proclamations by Order of Assembly, and the Acts and Orders made and past by the General Assembly, at their last Session, and for Paper furnished for printing said Acts and Orders: Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-five Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *David Wilkinſon*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for funder Repairs by him made on the Court-House and Goal in said *Providence*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinſon* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Williams*, of *Providence*, Husbandman, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for Materials found, and Work done by him for the Use of the County-House in said *Providence*, by the Direction of *John Mowney*, Esq; late Sheriff of said County: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Forty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Williams* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Messrs. *Job Tripp*, and *Joseph Rathbun, jun.* were appointed a Committee by the Town of *Exeter*, to exchange the Highway with *John Whitford*, above *Stephen Austin's*, in said Town; and having perpetrated the Busines, made Report to said Town, as followeth :

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being chosen a Committee by the Town of *Exeter*, to exchange Land with *John Whitford*, for the Conveniency of the Highway that runs between the said *Whitford's* two Farms in *Exeter*, Westward to *William Tanner's*; and we have laid said Highway as said *Whitford's* Fence now stands, on his North Farm, to the Westward of *Stephen Austin's* House, and from the Extent of said Fence, Westward to a Heap of Stones; from thence to a Boundary at the Highway: And in Exchange for said *Whitford's* Land, we, the Subscribers, have set off by Bounds, made a Part of the ten Red Highway, adjoining to said *Whitford's* South Farm, to remain to said *Whitford*, and his Heirs and Assigns, forever, in Consideration of the Land taken from said *Whitford*, to the Westward of *Stephen Austin's* House, as by certain Bounds set off: As Witnesses our Hands, this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of *May*, A. D. 1748.

*Job Tripp,*  
*Jos. Rathbun, jun.* } Committee.

Which Report was by a Vote of the Town-Meeting of said *Exeter*, accepted on the seventh Day of *June* after; and the said *John Whitford* appeared, and consented, and allowed of the aforesaid Exchange of Lands: All which being represented unto this Assembly,

Assembly, They do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the above-mentioned Vote of the Town-Meeting of Exeter, be, and the same is hereby ~~seconded~~ confirmed

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony, at their Session in June last, appointed *Stephen Hopkins, Esq; Capt. Joseph Harrison, and Mr. Matthew Robinson*, a Committee, to examine into all the Circumstances, and other Matters of Fact, relating to the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, with full Power to procure all such Evidences, Records, and Papers, as may be thereunto necessary, and to correspond and join with the Colony of Connecticut, or a Committee by them appointed (if it be found most expedient) in the Prosecution of that Affair, and upon the Whole, to prepare as compleat a State of the Case as they are able, and to lay the same before the Assembly as soon as it can conveniently be done; And the Business remaining still unperpetrated, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Arnold, Esq;* be, and he is hereby added to said Committee; and that they, or any two of them, proceed on the Affair, and compleat it as soon as the same can be well done, and make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas *Jeremiah Rose, of Stonington, in the Colony of Connecticut*, represented unto this Assembly, that on or about the thirtieth Day of March last, as he was crossing Stonington Harbour in a Canoe, he castally lost a Paper out of his Pocket, and in it about One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Three or Four Shillings whereof were Copper, and that sunk the Paper Money, of which Forty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings, were Bills of Credit emitted by this Government, and thereupon prayed for Relief: On Consideration whereof, and duly inquiring into the Affair, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Forty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings, in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, be paid by *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, to the aforesaid *Jeremiah Rose*, out of the Money paid to him the said *Nichols* for Tenthys; and that the same be look'd upon as so much of the Bills of Credit sunk.

Whereas an Account was exhibited to this Assembly, charged against the Government by *John Akin, late of Newport, Block-maker, deceas'd*, for Blocks, Trucks, and other Necessaries for the Sloop *Tartar*, late belonging to this Colony, under the Command of Capt. *Daniel Fones*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of *Seventeen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the Representative of the said *John Akin* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *Jonathan Randal*, Esq; one of the Commissioners appointed by the Government to run and settle their North-Boundary-Line, exhibited an Account charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Expences, and Horsehire, in several Journies by him made upon that Account, in *October*, 1749, and in the Months of *April, October, December, and January*, 1750: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Randal* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Henry Harris*, Esq; who was appointed by the Commissioners of the Government, to survey and run the North-Boundary-Line, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, for his Labour, Trouble, Expence, and Horsehire, in several Journies by him made, &c. on that Account, in *October*, 1749, and in the Months of *April, October, November, December, and January*, 1750: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Harris* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Geoffry Watson*, Esq; *Col. Immanuel Northup*, and *Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Directors of *Col. Pendleton's Lottery*, and make Report of their Doings in the Affair, to the General Assembly, at their next Session.

Whereas *William Barber*, and others, represented to this Assembly, that sundry of the Inhabitants of *Weftly*, had petitioned their Town-Council to order two Highways to be laid out in said Town, one from *Wood River* to *Exeter*, and the other from *Crandal's Mill* thro' said Town Northerly, to meet with the said intended Highway; and notwithstanding the said Petitioners had shewed the said Town-Council the Necessity of said Highways, their Petition was rejected; whereupon they made Application hither: And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, and duly weighed the Arguments of the Parties, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Robert Lillbridge*, Esq; *Stephen Richmond*, Esq; and *Mr. Benjamin Brown*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, with full Power to lay out Highways agreeable to the *Prayer of the aforesaid Petition*, and agree with the Owners of the Land through which Highways shall run; or in Case they cannot agree, then to set a Price on the Land that shall be so converted into

into Highways: That the whole Charge be paid by the Town of *Westerly*; and that the said Committee make Report to the General Assembly at their next Session.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony, some Time past, being well informed of the great Necessity of paving the Streets of *Newport*, and more especially that leading from the Colony-House, did for that End grant a Publick Lottery; but some of the Directors declining being concerned therein, and the Time for drawing the same elapsed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof,* That the said Lottery be, and it is hereby revived in the following Manner, *viz.*

The Lottery shall consist of 12500 Tickets, at *Four Pounds Old-Tenor* each; 3049 of which, to be fortunate, in the following Manner:

<i>Number of Prizes.</i>		<i>Value of each.</i>	<i>Total Values</i>
2	of	£. 1000	£. 2000
4	of	500	2000
8	of	200	1600
20	of	100	2000
45	of	50	2250
70	of	40	2800
100	of	30	3000
120	of	25	3000
200	of	20	4000
400	of	15	6000
2080	of	10	20800
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3049	Prizes.		49450
9451	Blanks.		275
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12500	Tickets.		50000

All the Prizes shall be Subject to a Deduction of Twelve and an Half per Cent. to be applied in paving the Streets of *Newport*.

*And it is farther Voted and Resolved,* That *Thomas Cranston*, and *John Bennet*, Esqrs. *Messrs. William Read, Evan Mallbone, John Channing, and Job Bennet, jun.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed Directors of said Lottery, and to put forth the same as soon as conveniently may be; and that they begin to draw said Lottery on the thirtieth Day of *June* next: That the said Directors give Bond in the Sum of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, to the General Treasurer of this Colony, and make Oath, for the faithful Performance of their said Trust: That the said Bond be given before the Scheme be put forth; and that the Street leading from the Colony-House to the Long Wharff be first paved, and *Thames Street* next.

Whereas

Whereas *Nekemiah Sprague*, of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, that in the Month of *March* last, he came into the Port of *Newport* from *Sea*, and having a Person on Board very sick, he came to an Anchor in the Harbour, about half a Mile from the Shore, and landed soon after to call a Physician; who upon his coming on Board, found the Distemper to be the Small Pox: That at the Time of his casting Anchor, he had no Reason to think the sick Person had the Small-Pox, nor was there any one on Board that had ever seen the Distemper; so that the said *Nekemiah* was altogether ignorant thereof: Nevertheless, the General Treasurer soon after pursued him for the Penalty of *Four Hundred Pounds*, on the Colony Law, and hath recovered Judgment by Default, for the same: That being but in indifferent Circumstances, and having a large Family, he is not able to pay the said Fine; and thereupon prayed that the Fine or Penalty may be remitted, and the said Judgment of Court discharged, he paying Costs, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the afore-mentioned Fine be, and the same is hereby remitted, he the said *Nekemiah* paying all Costs and Charges that have arose upon the Affair.

Whereas *Job Randal* and *Gideon Harris*, Esqrs. represented to this Assembly, That the Bridge upon *Plainfield* Road, over the Northern Branch of *Pautuxit* River, is very much out of Repair, and if timely Care be not taken, it will be impossible to pass that Way in the Winter Season: Whereupon they prayed some speedy Method may be followed, and said Bridge either rebuilt or repaired, that the Country may have the Advantage of travelling safely, And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That when the aforesaid Bridge shall be compleatly finished, and the Account of the Charges thereof laid before the General Assembly, and allowed, that one quarter Part of the Amount thereof, be paid out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Elisha Brown* be, and he is hereby appointed to repair the Colony's Part of the Bridge over *Pawtucket* River, at the Falls; and that *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed to repair this Colony's Part of the Bridge over *Pawcatuck* River; and that they lay their Accounts before the General Assembly, at their next Session, or as soon as they can conveniently.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of *Kings County* sell at Vendue, all the Personal Estate in his Hands, which did belong to *Willet Larabee*; and that Col. *Immanuel Northup*, and Capt.

*James*

James Helme, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit all Accounts respecting the Apprehending said Larabe, convicting him, &c. and make Report to the General Assembly at their next Session.

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An A C T empowering the Freemen of the Town of Providence, to take up a convenient Piece of Land for the Building a Pest-House.

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is hereby Enacted, That Jeremiah Lippit, Esq; and Lieut. Col. Stephen Low, both of Warwick, in the County of Kent, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to view the Lands in the Town of Providence, adjacent to the River or Bay, and to fix and determine what Place shall seem to them most convenient for the Building a Pest-House for the Receipt of such Persons as shall be taken sick of the Small-Pox, or other infectious Distempers; and upon finding a Place convenient for the same, they may apply to the Owner of the Land, and agree with him concerning the Price thereof, and upon paying the Price (the Money to be advanced by the Town of Providence) to receive a Deed of the same: But if they cannot agree with such Owner, then they are to value the Land according to the true Worth thereof, and give Notice to the Town-Treasurer of said Providence, of their Doings, who shall thereupon, in the Presence of the said Committee, or two other lawful Witnesses, tender the Price thereof, in Money, to such Owner or Owners; and upon such Tender, the Freemen of the said Town of Providence shall become seized in Fee-simple of the same, always reserving to such Owner or Owners, the Right of demanding and receiving of the Town of Providence, the Price of said Land estimated as aforesaid, when he shall think fit to ask for the same: And if such Owner or Owners shall think the Price set on said Land to be less than the true Value thereof, he or they may, upon a Petition to the then next Superior Court that shall sit in said Providence, bring the same before the said Court, who are hereby empowered to inquire by the Petit Jury then attending (on which Jury no Inhabitant of the Town of Providence shall then sit) concerning the true Value of said Land; and if such Jury shall augment the Price set by said Committee, then the Town of Providence shall pay the Cost of such Tryal; but if the Price shall not be increased, then the Cost to be paid by such Owner or Owners as aforesaid.*

Whereas Col. Christopher Champlin, and Capt. Nathaniel Lewis, Deputies of Charlestown, did, in Behalf of said Town, represent unto this Assembly, That they are under great Difficulty and Dis-

advantage for want of some convenient Harbour or Landing for Transportation, it being about fifteen Miles from said Town to Point Judith Peir, and almost as far as Paucatuck River, which Places are the nearest Harbours they have to depend on ; which they set forth to the General Assembly some Years past, who appointed a Committee to inspect into the Circumstances of said Affair, and find out whether said Difficulty might not be remedied, by turning a Branch of Paucatuck River into a large Salt Pond in said Town ; which Stream of Water (when turned into said Pond) will undoubtedly keep open a large Breach running out of said Pond into the Sea : That the Committee did view and examine into the Affair, and reported to the Assembly, that it might be very well effected, and that without an extraordinary Charge, &c. That upon the Report of said Committee, the Assembly in their Wisdom, passed an Act for turning said River for the Purpose aforesaid, on Conditions which were not easily to be performed by the Petitioners, they being to procure sufficient Bonds, to make and maintain such and so many Bridges as should become necessary, and occasioned by turning said River, and also to carry on the fourth Part of said Work, the other three Parts to be done at the Charge of the Colony : That now the Conditions enjoined by said Act of Assembly, are performed, &c. Whereupon they prayed to be directed to go on the aforesaid Work, agreeable to the aforesaid Act of Assembly, and that the Colony's Part of the Charge be paid out of the Interest of the present Bank, &c. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Hazzard, Jeremiah Lippett, and Joseph Nichols, Esq;* together with *Messrs. Joseph Harrison, and Israel Wilkinson, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to inspect into all the Circumstances relating to the afore-mentioned Affair, and form an Estimate of the Cost and Charge of performing said Work, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Action of Account brought by *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* in Behalf of the Colony, against *Jahleel Brenton, Esq;* be left to Referees living out of this Government, if *Mr. Brenton* will agree to it ; and that *Stephen Brownel, Esq; Jeremiah Niles, Esq; and Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, in Behalf of the Colony, to chuse one Referee, and to be advised with, in Respect to approving or disapproving of the other two Referees, one to be chosen by *Mr. Brenton*, and that to be appointed by the Court.

*It is Voted, Resolved, and Declared*, That the true Intent and Meaning of the Act passed by the General Assembly in their Session at *Newport*, in *June last*, for settling and ascertaining the Value

Value of Silver, that Spanish Silver milled Dollars pass for *Fifty-six Shillings* each, in Bills of Credit of the Old-Tenor, and for all other Bills of Credit of the other Emissions, equivalent thereto.

Whereas *Sandford Cafe* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of *Nine Pounds* by him charged against the Government, for attending three Days on the House of Magistrates, at last Session of the General Assembly: Which being taken into Consideration, and duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds* of the Account be allowed and paid the said *Sandford Cafe* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Ebenezer Brown* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of *Twenty-four Pounds* by him charged against the Government, for attending on the House of Deputies four Days last Session of the General Assembly, and as many this; which being taken into Consideration, and duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixteen Pounds* of said Account be allowed and paid the said *Ebenezer Brown* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Seventy-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Three Pence Half-penny*, be paid out of the General Treasury to *Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Nicholas Easton, and Benjamin Hazard*, Esqrs. for signing the three Southern Counties Proportion of the Bills of Publick Credit emitted by A& of Assembly, passed at *Providence* the eighteenth Day of *March* last. *And it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That *James Arnold, Samuel Chace, George Brown, and Obediah Brown*, Esqrs. be likewise paid out of the General Treasury, at the Rate of *Ten Shillings per Cent.* for signing *Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds*, it being the Remainder of the above-mentioned *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds*, which was the Proportion of the two Northern Counties.

*Jeremiah Niles, Esq; and Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun.* being the major Part of a Committee, by the General Assembly, on the second Monday of *June* last, appointed to examine all the Accounts which have arisen upon the apprehending, prosecuting, convicting, and executing *Thomas Carter*, made the following Report unto this Assembly.

“ **W**H E R E A S, We the Subscribers, were by the General Assembly appointed a Committee to examine and settle “ the Accounts relating the Apprehending, Prosecution, and Con- “ viction of *Thomas Carter*, who was executed on the tenth Day of “ *May* last past; and having examined said Accounts, *do Report*, “ That there be paid out of the General Treasury, to the Persons “ whose Names are under-written, the Sums to their several “ Names annexed, as follows.

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" <b>T</b> O <i>Samuel Tefft, Ely;</i>	£. 25 2 0
" <i>To William Shearman, of Portsmouth,</i>	9 14 6
" <i>To Samuel Willcox,</i>	5 0 0
" <i>To Charles Dyre,</i>	17 14 0
	£. 57 10 6

" *South-Kingstown, Feb. 29. 1752.*

" *Jere. Niles.*  
" *B. Peckham, jun.*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the above-mentioned Account of *Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence*, be paid out of the General Treasury unto the Persons therein respectively named.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Bills of Cost arising on Actions at the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, at *Newport*, which have not yet been taxed, *shall be taxed* by the Chief Judge of said Court, notwithstanding the Time affixed by Law is elapsed

Whereas it hath been represented unto this Assembly, That *John Lawless*, now in His Majesty's Gaol at *South-Kingstown*, hath been convicted of Theft, and is sentenced to be whipped on the second Day of March, or pay a Fine of *Twenty Pounds*; and that the said *John Lawless* is at present very sick: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sentence passed against the aforesaid *John Lawless*, be, and the same is hereby respite till the Sitting of the next Superior Court in *Kings County*; and that the Sheriff of said County procure a Physician to take Care of the said *John Lawless*, on the most frugal Terms he can, at the Expence of the Government.

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**A C T** in Addition to an **A C T**, intituled, *An ACT to prevent the Spreading of the Small-Pox, and other contagious Sickness, in this Colony.*

**W**HEREAS in and by said **A C T**, it is Enacted, That when the Small-Pox shall be prevalent in the Town of *Boston*, or in any other Town in *New-England*, all Persons whatsoever (the Post only excepted) who shall come from such Town into this Colony, without remaining five Days on the Borders, shall forfeit for such Offence, Five Pounds, to and for the Use of the Colony, upon legal Conviction, as is set forth in said **A C T**: Which Penalty this Assembly judging to be too small,

DO

*DO therefore Vote and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted* That the said Penalty be, and it is hereby augmented to the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all the just and reasonable Charges that shall accrue by the Appointment of proper Persons at all Ferries and Places for examining Travellers, or to prevent the bringing the Small-Pox into this Colony, shall be paid out of the General Treasury.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Town-Councils, Assistants, or Justices, of each Town in the Colony, be and they are hereby impowered to appoint proper Persons to examine Travellers, &c. as is aforesaid: And that this Act be, and remain in Force till the tenth Day of June next, and no longer.

**W**H E R E A S *Joseph Nichols, and Rufus Greene, Esqrs.* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for Sundries by them done and provided for building the Goal in East-Greenwich, for the County of Kent: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of One Thousand and Fifty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, be paid the said *Joseph Nichols and Rufus Greene* out of the General Treasury.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before them, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to their next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in Newport, by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within forty, send Copies of them to each Town in the Colony: That this Assembly be adjourned to the last *Tuesday in April* next, then to meet, provided it be called by his Honour the Governor or Deputy Governor; if not called before, nor at that Time, then it is hereby dissolved.

**G O D Save the K I N G.**

Newport, March 4. 1752

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GOVERNOR and COMPANT of the English  
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations,  
in New-England, in America ; begun and held at  
Newport, on the fifth Day of May, One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and Fifty-two : And in the Twenty-fifth Year  
of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE  
the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain,  
France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.  
It being the Day before the General Election.*

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	Warwick ;
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 	Lieut. Col. Stephen Low.

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*Joshua Babcock*, Esq;  
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 Mr. *John Littlefield*.  
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 Col. *Thomas Hazzard*.  
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*Joseph Nichols*, Esq;  
*John Fry*, Esq;  
 Jamestown ;  
*Joseph Clark*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Josiah Arnold*, jun.  
 Smithfield ;  
*Thomas Arnold*, Esq;  
*John Aldrich*, Esq;  
 Scituate ;  
 None.  
 Glocester ;  
 Col. *Richard Smith*,  
*Andrew Brown*, Esq;  
 Charlestown ;  
 Capt. *Nathanael Lewis*.

Mr. *James Congdon*, jun.  
 West-Greenwich ;  
*Jeremiah Ellis*, Esq;  
*George Gardner*, Esq;  
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*Caleb Greene*, Esq;  
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 Bristol ;  
*Jonathan Peck*, Esq;  
 Tiverton ;  
 Mr. *Edward Wanton*.  
 Little-Compton ;  
*William Hall*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Richard Greenbit*.  
 Warren ;  
 None.  
 Cumberland ;  
 None.  
 Richmond ;  
*John Webster*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Joseph Hoxie*.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker. And  
 Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

W H E R E A S the Persons whose Names hereafter follow, have taken the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the Colony-Law against Bribery and Corruption. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all and every of them be, and they are hereby admitted free, and enabled to give their Votes to choose Officers for their respective Towns; and also to give their Votes for the Choice of the General Officers of the Government.

*N E W P O R T*;

Francis Pope, Benjamin Almy, John Tripp, John Vial, Lemuel Wyatt, John Collins, Ebenezer Vorce, Peleg Chapman, Thomas Weeden, Benjamin Day, Lawrence Clark, jun. Peter James, Joshua Amy, Joseph Wilson, Griffin Barney, John Phillips, John Greene, Charles Bowler, Thomas Richardson (Son of Ebenezer) Jonas Langford Redwood, Metcalf Bowler, and John Reed (Son of William).

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James Swane, James Fenner, John Hopkins, Jeremiah Hawkins, William Compton, Theophilus Williams. John Thomas, Stephen Wright, Robert Gibbs, jun. Benjamin Smith, Abraham Belknap, Nathanael Sweeting, Thomas Waterman, Robert Young, Gilbert Simmons, William Edmonds, Thomas Kilton, Obediah Brown (the third), William Page, jun. Stephen Kilton, Samuel Fisk, Samuel Nightingale, Josiah King, Nathanael Waterman, jun. Richard Knight (the fourth) Nathanael Packard, John Briggs, Archibald Wear, Timothy Miles, William Kilton, Richard Olney, Eleazer Greene, Ezra Olney, Jeremiah Burlingame, Benoni Pearce, Samuel Westcot (Son of Jabez) John Williams (Son of Thomas) Guias Davis Peleg Rhodes, John Anthony Angel, Samuel Burlingame, John Manton, jun. Jesse Beverly, Gideon Olney, and Nathanael Jacobs.

## P O R T S M O U T H;

John Lawton.

## W A R W I C K;

John Ladd, Joshua Greene, John Waterman, and David Chace.

## W E S T E R L Y;

Samuel Brand, and Ebenezer Lamb.

## N E W S H O R E H A M,

Edmund Sheffield, Ezekiel Sheffield, William Dodge, jun. and Tormat Rose.

## N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N;

Samuel Spink, David Green, jun. James Hiams, Ebenezer Briggs, Joshua Pearce, Edward Dyre (Son of Edward Dyre, jun.) Josiah Godfrey, William Thomas, Benjamin Congdon, (Son of Benjamin Congdon, jun.) David Vaughan, Israel Phillips, Eber Shearman, jun. John Reynolds (Son of James) Isaac Vaughan, Stephen Herrington, Ezekiel Hunt, Samuel Hunt, and William Shearman.

## S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N;

William Case, Benjamin Watson, Daniel Stedman, Nathanael Mumford, George Hafzard, Job Babcock (*Son of Samuel*) Jeremiah Willson, Job Babcock (the third), Timothy Lock, David Babcock, William Robinson, James Perry, jun. Robert Knowles, jun. Richard Hafzard, and Samuel Casey.

## E A S T - G R E E N W I C H;

Daniel Brown, Robert Nichols, and Silas Jones.

## S M I T H F I E L D;

Robert Woodward, Daniel Wilbore, jun. Henry Finch, Elisha Sayles, John Brown, Daniel Case, Nathan Case, Joseph Cook, Jeremiah Comestock, Thomas Cruff, jun. Thomas Woodward, Joseph Eustis, Daniel Wilbore, Thomas Broadway, Andrew Waterman, Joshua Phillips, Jeremiah Phillips, John Whiteman, Gideon

Gideon Dexter, Winchester Matthewson, Samuel Goldthwait, James Mussey, Benjamin Ballard, Nathan Cass, James Leonard, Ephraim Whipple, Robert Woodward, Joshua Arnold, and John Ballou, jun.

*G L O C E S T E R ;*

Joshua Eddy, Obediah Jencks, Jonathan Eddy, Peleg Chace, William Havens, Jeremiah Steere, Benjamin Keach, jun. Ezra Bartlet, jun. John Steere, jun. Jonah Steere, John Steere, Jonathan Tourtelot, Job Armstrong, Oliver Winslow, Stephen Keach, Benjamin Tourtelot, Joseph Sprague, Nathan Pain, Thomas Herenden, Joseph Colvell, Israel Thornton, Timothy Sweet, Obediah Bowen, Joshua Salisbury, Jeremiah Irons, Silas Williams, Abraham Clark, Chad Brown, Enoch VVhipple, Joseph Cowen, Noah Arnold, Edward Inman, jun. Samuel Ross, and VVilliam Ross.

*C H A R L E S T O W N ;*

Robert Potter, Gideon Hoxsic, and John Holloway.

*W E S T G R E E N W I C H ;*

Abraham Laja, Peter Lee, Robert Hopkins, James Hopkins, Jonathan VVeaver, Benjamin Greene (Son of Henry) John Matthewson (Son of Henry Matthewson, jun.) Ephraim Hayward, Job Herrington, Jonathan Aylsworth, and Benjamin Greene,

*C O V E N T R Y ;*

Joseph Bennet, jun. Silas VVood, Daniel VWalker, Nicholas Ide, Joab Stafford, Valentine Mors, Robert Love, Benjamin Vaughan, and Charles Andiew (Son of Charles).

*E X E T H R ;*

Jeremiah Rogers, Edward VWilcox, VVilliam Barber, Jonathan Babcock, Jeremiah Austin (the third), Thomas Gardner, jun. John Potter, jun. and Jeremiah Allen.

*M I D D L E T O W N ;*

Handley Chipman.

*L I T T L E - C O M P T O N ;*

Thomas Brownel, jun. Giles Pearce, John Simmons, Noah Stoddard, Isaac Simmonds, Jonathan Records, Ephraim Richmond, VVilliam Richmond, jun. Perez Richmond, Stephen Brownel, Pearce Brownel, Israel Shaw, Thomas Dring, Constant Church, and James Bennett.

*C U M B E R L A N D ;*

Jeremiah Arnold, Jonathan Aldrich, Christopher Bullock, and Daniel Smith, jun.

*R I C H M O N D ;*

George Lewis, Elisha Babcock, and Thomas Kinyon, jun.



*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America ; begun and held at Newport, on the first Wednesday of May, in the Year of Our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two : and in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c.*

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 Little-Compton ;  
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 Mr. *Richard Greenbil*.  
 Warren ;  
 Capt. *John Adams*,  
 Mr. *John Cole*.  
 Cumberland ;  
*Job Bartlet*, Esq;  
*John Dexter*, Esq;  
 Richmond ;  
*John Webster*, Esq;  
 Mr. *Joseph Hoxie*.

THOMAS CRANSTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker : And  
 Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

**T**HIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names hereafter follow, were chosen to serve the Colony in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor, *Engag'd*.  
 The Hon. *JOSEPH WHIPPLE* Esq; Deputy Governor, ; *Engag'd*.  
*John Tillinghast*, Esq; first Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; second Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*Nicholas Cook*, Esq; third Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*Fabz Bowen*, Esq; fourth Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*Stephen Brownel*, Esq; fifth Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*Robert Lawton*, Esq; sixth Assistant ; *Engag'd*.  
*James Arnold*, Esq; seventh Assistant ; *Engag'd*.

*William*

*William Richmond, Esq; eighth Assistant; Engag'd.*

*Daniel Coggeshall, Esq; ninth Assistant; Engag'd.*

*Geoffry Watson, Esq; tenth Assistant; Engag'd.*

*Thomas Ward, Esq; Secretary; Engag'd.*

*Daniel Updike, Etq; Attorney General; Engag'd.*

*Thomas Richardson, Esq; General Treasurer; Engag'd.*

*Stephen Hopkins, Esq; chief Judge of the Superior Court of  
Jonathan Randal, Etq; second Judicature, Court of Assize, and  
William Richmond, Etq; third General Goal Delivery, in and  
Joseph Ruffel, Esq; fourth throughout the Colony.  
Joseph Clark, Etq; fifth*

*Col. Samuel Lyndon, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Newport.*

*Col. Richard Smith, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Providence.*

*Col. William Pendleton, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in  
the County of Kings County.*

*Col. Joseph Stafford, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Kent.*

*Lieut. Col. John Burrington, Lieutenant Colonel of the Re-  
giment of Militia in the County of Newport.*

*Lieut. Col. Christopher Harris, Lieutenant Colonel of the Re-  
giment of Militia in the County of Providence.*

*Lieut. Col. Ephraim Gardner, Lieutenant Colonel of the Re-  
giment of Militia in the County of Kings County.*

*Lieut. Col. Stephen Low, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of  
Militia in the County of Kent.*

*Major Wing Spooner, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Newport.*

*Major Resolved Waterman, Major of the Regiment of Militia in  
the County of Providence.*

*Major Latham Clarke, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Kings County.*

*Major John Arnold, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the  
County of Kent.*

*Samuel Wickham, Edward Scott, Daniel Gould, Caleb Hill, and  
William Anthony, jun. Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common  
Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout  
the County of Newport.*

*Daniel Jencks, Job Randal, Thomas Lapham, Thomas Arnold, and  
Richard Steere, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common  
Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the  
County of Providence.*

*Stephen*

*Stephen Hazard, Immanuel Northup, Jeremiah Niles, Thomas Brown, and Benoni Hall, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kings County.*

*Jonathan Peck, Matthew Allen, James Mason, James Smith, and Thomas Green, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Bristol.*

*Daniel Howland, Joseph Nichols, John Fry, John Greene, and Rufus Greene, Esqrs. Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kent.*

*Thomas Ward, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.*

*Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Newport.*

*George Brown, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Providence.*

*Mr. Benjamin Peckham, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kings County.*

*Mr. Thomas Throop, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Bristol.*

*Mr. John Walton, jun. Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in and throughout the County of Kent.*

*Joseph Scott, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport.*

*David Wilkinson, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence.*

*Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kings County.*

*Nathanael Boxworth, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol.*

*Thomas Spenser (Son of John) Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kent*

*The Hon. Gideon Wanton, Benjamin Nichols, James Sheffield, Obediah Brown, Samuel Chase, James Arnold, George Brown, Nicholas Easton and Benjamin Hazard Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Trustees of the Colony, for signing Bills of Publick Credit, &c. And the aforesaid Benjamin Nichols is also chosen and appointed to have and take the Care and Charge of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon; also to make and give proper Acquittances and Discharges on Mortgages, or otherwise upon the Receipt of any of the Colony's Money: And in case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as shall refuse or omit to make Payment.*

*Justices*

*JUSTICES of the Peace for the several Towns.*

<b>NEWPORT</b> ;	James Eldred,	George Hall,
Abraham Borden,	Stephen Card,	Thomas Matthewson,
Samuel Collins,	Nich. Northup, jun.	Randal Rice.
Charles Bardin,	<i>South-Kingstown</i> ;	<i>Exeter</i> ;
Ebenezer Richardson,	Samuel Tift. jun.	Nicholas Gardner,
Barnabas Hargil,	John Case.	Jeffry Champlin,
Jeremiah Clark,	Jeremiah Wilcox,	Robert Moon.
Thomas Ward,	Benedict Helme,	Benjamin Mowrey.
Peter Easton,	Silas Nile.	<i>Middletown</i> ;
Martin Howard,	<i>East-Greenwich</i> ;	Thomas Gould,
Joseph Sylvester,	William Spenser,	Edward Easton,
William Heffernan.	John Langford,	Peleg Smith,
<i>Providence</i> ;	John Olin,	Joshua Coggeshall.
George Taylor,	Samuel Soul,	<i>Bristol</i> ;
Henry Harris,	Daniel Howland, jun.	Shearjashub Bourn,
Christopher Harris,	<i>Smithfield</i> ;	George Dunbar,
Edward Sheldon,	William Arnold,	Nathanael Fales,
Zuriel Waterman,	Thomas Sayles,	Nathanael Pearce,
Joseph Harris,	Thomas Steere,	William Munro.
William Burton ;	William Jencks,	<i>Tiverton</i> ;
Joseph Snow,	John Aldrich,	Joseph Anthony,
Ebenezer Jencks,	Thomas Owens.	Philip Tabor,
Matthew Manchester,	<i>Scituate</i> ;	Restcomb Sanford.
Richard Waterman.	Benjamin Fisk,	<i>Little-Compton</i> ,
<i>Portsmouth</i> ,	John Tyler,	Nathanael Seal,
William Hall,	Gideon Harris,	Joseph Wood,
Jonathan Freeborn,	Charles Harris.	Robert Taylor,
Robert Dennis,	<i>Glocester</i> ;	Jeremiah Brownel.
Caleb Allen,	John Smith,	<i>Warren</i> ;
<i>Warwick</i> ;	Andrew Brown,	Benjamin Miller,
Samuel Stafford,	Richard Smith,	John Kinnicut,
James Green,	Timothy Wilmot,	John Cole,
Benjamin Arnold,	Joseph Windsor.	Peter Bicknel,
Stephen Low.	<i>Charlestown</i> ;	John Adams.
<i>Westerly</i> :	John Hill,	<i>Cumberland</i> ;
William Hearn,	Benjamin Hoxsie,	Job Bartlet,
Benjamin Randal,	Thomas Brownel.	Samuel Bartlet,
Joseph Crandal, jun.	<i>West-Greenwich</i> ;	John Dexter,
Benoni Smith,	Jeremiah Ellis,	Nathanael Jillson,
John Larkin,	Samuel Hopkins,	Jeremiah Whipple.
Daniel Maccoon,	William Cumstock,	<i>Richmond</i> ;
Samuel Ward.	George Gardner.	Stephen Richmond,
<i>North-Kingstown</i> ;	<i>Coventry</i> ;	John Webster,
Edward Dyre, jun.	Elisha Johnson,	Samuel Tift,
Samuel Thomas.	Samuel Cooper,	Joseph Clark,
Jeremiah Gardner	Caleb Greene.	Thomas Kinyon.

Mr. *Edward Thurston*, General Sealer of Weights and Measures.  
*James Sheffield*, Esq; Captain of Fort George.  
*Henry Paget*, Esq; Notary-Publick for the County of Providence.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia, or  
 train'd Bands, in each Town in the Colony.

*N E W P O R T*;

*First Company*: *Jonathan Heath*, Captain; *James Tanner*, Lieutenant; *Christopher Lindsey*, Ensign.

*Second Company*: *Benjamin Sherburn*, Captain; *Kendal Nichols*, jun. Lieutenant; *John Simpson*, jun. Ensign.

*Third Company*: *Daniel Dunham*, jun. Captain; *John Pitman*, Lieutenant; *Henry Blils*, Ensign.

*Fourth Company*: *Oliver Beer*, Captain; *Richard Whitehorn*, Lieutenant; *Zephaniah Pease*, Ensign.

*P R O V I D E N C E*;

*First Company*: *Benjamin Eddy*, Captain; *Ezra Dean*, Lieutenant; *Joseph Bucklin*, Ensign.

*Second Company*: *John Clark*, Captain; *John Warner*, Lieutenant; *William Dyre*, Ensign.

*Third Company*: *John Waterman* (Son of Resolved), Captain; *Daniel Sprague*, Lieutenant; *Samuel Windsor*, jun. Ensign.

*Fourth Company*: *John Dexter*, jun. Captain; *Samuel Aborn*, jun. Lieutenant; *Stephen Hawkins*, Ensign.

*Fifth Company*: *Matthew Manchester*, Captain; *Jonathan Knight*, jun. Lieutenant; *Daniel Burlingham*, Ensign.

*Sixth Company*: *Isaiah Hawkins*, Captain; *Charles Olney*, Lieutenant; *Thomas Olney* (Son of Thomas), Ensign.

*P O R T S M O U T H COMPANY*;

*Clark Cornel*, Captain; *John Fish*, Lieutenant; *John Shrieve*, jun. Ensign.

*W A R W I C K*;

*First Company*: *James Arnold*, jun. Captain; *Simon Arnold*, Lieutenant; *John Waterman*, Ensign.

*Second Company*: *Henry Rice*, Captain; *Ebenezer Greene*, Lieutenant; *Benjamin Sweet*, Ensign.

*Third Company*: *Richard Estis*, Captain; *Thomas Rice*, jun. Lieutenant; *Silas Barker*, Ensign.

*W E S T E R L Y*;

*First Company*: *Elias Thompson*, Captain; *John Lewis* the third, Lieutenant; *Joseph Clark*, Ensign.

*Second Company*: *Benjamin Randal*, Captain; *Hobart Burdick* (Son of Robert) Lieutenant; *John Maccoo*, jun. Ensign.

*Third Company*: *Samuel Gavet*, Captain; *Joseph Crandal* (Son of Joseph) Lieutenant; *Stephen Saunders*, Ensign.

*Fourth*

*Fourth Company* : Thomas Foster, Captain ; Matthew Green, Lieutenant ; Joseph Winter, Ensign.

*NEWSHOREHAM COMPANY* ;

John Dodge, Captain ; Joshua Sands, Lieutenant ; Abel Franklin, Ensign.

*NORTH-KINGSTOWN* ;

*First Company* : Arthur Ayllworth, Captain ; George Whitman, jun. Lieutenant ; Samuel Spink, Ensign.

*Second Company* : Samuel Albro, Captain ; Samuel Browning, jun. Lieutenant ; Eber Shearman, jun. Ensign.

*Third Company* : James Boone, Captain ; John Brown, Lieutenant ; Henry Spenser, Ensign.

*SOUTH-KINGSTOWN* ;

*First Company* : John Steadman, Captain ; William Congdon (*Son of Joseph*) Lieutenant ; William Browning, jun. Ensign.

*Second Company* : James Shearman, Captain ; Jonathan Hazzard, Lieutenant ; Samuel Steadman, Ensign.

*Third Company* : Jirah Mumford, Captain ; Nathan Tift, Lieutenant ; Thomas Cottril, Ensign.

*EAST-GREENWICH* ;

*First Company* : Rufus Spenser, Captain ; Thomas Nichols (*Son of James*) Lieutenant ; Preferred Pearce, jun. Ensign.

*Second Company* : John Gifford, Captain ; Benjamin Sweet, jun. Lieutenant ; Silas Jones, Ensign.

*YARMOUTH COMPANY* ;

Samuel Slocum, Captain ; George Franklin, Lieutenant ; Benjamin Carr (*Son of Edward Carr, deceased*), Ensign.

*SMITHFIELD* ;

*First Company* : John Angel, Captain ; William Brown, Lieutenant ; Eliza Sayles, Ensign.

*Second Company* : Daniel Arnold, Captain ; John Sayles, Lieutenant ; Stephen Arnold, Ensign.

*Third Company* : Enoch Barns, Captain ; Samuel Aldrich, Lieutenant ; Sylvanus Sayles, Ensign.

*SCITUATE* ;

*First Company* : Amos Hammond, Captain ; John Fisk, Lieutenant ; Christopher Ralph, Ensign.

*Second Company* : Samuel Dorrence, Captain ; George Dorrence, jun. Lieutenant ; William Tyler, Ensign.

*Third Company* : John Smith, Captain ; Joshua Angel, Lieutenant ; Timothy Hopkins, Ensign.

*GLOCESTER* ;

*First Company* : James Cowen, Captain ; Edward Bishop, Lieutenant ; Benjamin Tourtelot, Ensign.

*Second*

*Second Company* : Ezekiel Smith, Captain ; Joseph Olney, Lieutenant ; John Ross, Ensign.

*CHARLESTOWN COMPANY* ;  
Peleg Cross, Captain ; Enoch Kinyon, jun. Lieutenant ; Nathaniel Sheffield, Ensign.

*WEST GREENWICH* ;  
*First Company* : John Niles, Captain ; Tibbits Hopkins, Lieutenant ; Nicholas Whitford (Son of Pasco) Ensign.

*COVENANT* ;  
*First Company* : John Allerton, jun. Captain ; Stephen Colvin, Lieutenant ; William Nichols, Ensign.

*Second Company* : Caleb Vaughan, Captain ; Adam Caffin, Lieutenant ; James Green (Son of Daniel) Ensign.

*EXETER* ;  
*First Company* : George Weight, Captain ; John Casey, Lieutenant ; Joshua Gardner, Ensign.

*Second Company* : John Rathbone (the third), Captain ; Stephen Austin, Lieutenant ; William Eldred, Ensign.

*MIDDLETON COMPANY* ;  
John Barker, Captain ; Benjamin Smith, Lieutenant ; Joseph Rider, Ensign.

*BRIGHTON COMPANY* ;  
Bennet Munro, Captain ; John Throop, jun. Lieutenant ; Joseph Rider, Ensign.

*FIVETON* ;  
*First Company* : William Manchester (Son of John), Captain ; Joseph Crandal, Lieutenant ; George Cooke, Ensign.

*Second Company* : William Cooke, Captain ; John Thomas, Lieutenant ; Oliver Cooke, Ensign.

*LITTLE-CHAPTON COMPANY* ;  
Benjamin Simmonds, Captain ; Thomas Brownel, jun. Lieutenant ; Moses Palmer, Ensign.

*WARRREN COMPANY* ;  
John Adams, Captain ; Solomon Peck, Lieutenant ; John Eastabrook, Ensign.

*CUMBERLAND COMPANY* ;  
Gideon Tower, Captain ; John Nicholson, Lieutenant ; Nathanael Whipple, Ensign.

*RICHMOND COMPANY* ;  
Benjamin Barber, Captain ; William Potter, jun. Lieutenant ; Nicholas Larkin, Ensign.

## N E W P O R T Troop;

Samuel Bayley, Captain; William Briggs (Son of Job) Lieutenant; Israel Shaw, Cornet.

## P R O V I D E N C E Troop;

William Dean, Captain; Eliphalet Philbrook, Lieutenant; James Field, Cornet.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of Commission Officers for the second Company of *West-Greenwich*, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session of this Assembly.

The united Committees of the Colony of *Connecticut*, and of this, presented the Assembly with the following Report, *viz.*

“ **W**E the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assemblies of the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island* respectively, to examine into all the Matters of Fact, Records, Evidences, Papers, and Circumstances, relating to the Northern Bounds of the said Colonies, towards the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, with Authority in Behalf of each Colony, to join together and correspond in the Prosecution of this Matter: And in Pursuance of the Things committed to us, we met together at *Hartford* in the Colony of *Connecticut*, and having duly examined to the best of our Abilities, the whole of this Dispute, have agreed to jointly make the following Report:

That we find King **C**HALES the First, in the fourth Year of his Reign, granted a Charter to the *Massachusetts* Colony, bounding them Southerly in these Words: *And a certain other River there, called Charles River, being in the Bottom of a certain Bay there, commonly called Massachusetts-Bay; and also all and singular those Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever, lying within the Space of three English Miles, on the South Part of said Charles River, or of any and every Part thereof:* By which Description, compared with the other Parts of said Charter, it plainly appears, that the Place or Point, which is three *English* Miles South from the most Southern Part of *Charles River*, is the Place where a Line ought to commence and run from thence due West, to form the Southern Boundary of the abovesaid Province. That afterwards, King *Charles* the Second, in the Fourteenth Year of his Reign, granted a Charter to the Colony of *Connecticut*, and in the Fifteenth Year of his Reign, granted a Charter to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*; and in his said Charters, bounded both the said Colonies Northward, on the South Line of the said Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*.

That the said Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, lying far distant from the Place or Point where the said *Massachusetts* South Line ought to commence, were utterly ignorant about it, nor doth it appear they ever concern'd themselves about the Knowledge

thereof, until the Inhabitants on both Sides began to settle pretty near the Place where it was supposed the Line would pass, and many Disorders and Confusions arising among those Borderers, made it necessary to find where the dividing Line between the Province and the said Colonies, ought to be, which occasioned both the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island* to apply to the Province to have the said Line ascertained and marked out; and that when Commissioners in order thereto, were appointed first by the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1710-11, and by the Colony of *Connecticut* in the Year 1713, to meet with Commissioners appointed by the said Province, with Intent to find the true Place where the said Province South Line ought to commence; who being for that Purpose met, the Province Commissioners inform'd them, that the Point or Place for their South Line to commence at, had long before in the Year 1642, been found out and fix'd by *Nathanael Woodward* and *Solomon Saffery*, skilful Artists, by the said Province appointed for that Purpose; and also shewed forth a Plan or Map (as they then asserted) of the Doings of the said *Woodward* and *Saffery*, on which was decyphered the Southermost Part of the said *Charles River*, and a Station said to be by them erected, standing three Miles (and no more) South from the Southermost Part of the said *Charles River*, and confidently affirming the said Measure to be rightly made, and the said Station to be truly affix'd, and all this Matter being out of the Knowledge of the Commissioners for both said Colonies; but they by giving Credit to, and believing the said Province Commissioners, were thereby induced, the Commissioners for *Connecticut*, on the thirteenth Day of *July*, 1713, and the Commissioners for *Rhode-Island*, finally in *October*, 1718, to agree that the Stake or Station set up and erected by *Nathanael Woodward* and *Solomon Saffery*, in the Year 1642, should be the Place for the said Province South Line to commence at, fully believing they had been told, and as by the said Plat it appear'd, that the said Station was no more than three Miles South from the Southermost Part of *Charles River*, agreeable to the *Massachusetts* Charter.

That in Consequence of the said Agreements entered into as aforesaid, the said Colony of *Connecticut*, in the said Year 1713, and the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1719, appointed Persons, called Riding Commissioners, to meet with Persons in the same Character, appointed by the said Province, to go and begin at the Place in the said Agreements mentioned (three Miles South of the Southermost Part of *Charles River*) and mark out the said dividing Line according to the respective Charters; who meeting with the said Province Commissioners, and not being acquainted in that Part of the Country, nor having Knowledge of the Place where the said *Woodward* and *Saffery*'s Station was, the said Province Riding Commissioners deceitfully carried them to a Place on *Wrentham Plain*, affirmed, that there the Station erected by *Woodward* and *Saffery*

*Saffery* had formerly stood ; and the said Colonies Commissioners not knowing, but really believing it was the right Place, and within three Miles of *Charles River* (tho' in Truth the Place so shewn them, was seven Miles and fifty-six Poles more Southward than the Southermost Part of *Charles River*) did there begin, and did run and mark out a Line, as the true South Line of the said Province ; and in Consequence of the Line so run, tho' it was so erroneously done, the said Province have hitherto exercised and held the Jurisdiction.

That the Truth of those several Facts are clearly made appear ; the first by the *Massachusetts* Charter, the second by the *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island* Charters, the third by the Face of the Agreements themselves, and by the Copy of the pretended Plan of *Woodward* and *Saffery*, the fourth, that the Place began at by the Riding Commissioners, is really seven Miles and fifty-six Poles to the Southward of the most Southern Part of *Charles River*, by the Plan or Map drawn by Mr. *Joseph Harrison*, and prov'd by *Henry Harris*, Esq; and Mr. *Israel Wilkinson*, who have actually and accurately measured the said Distance : That the Place they measured from, is really the most Southern Part of *Charles River*, is prov'd by the Original Grants of the Towns of *Medfield*, *Wrentham*, *Medway*, *Billingham*, and *Holliston*, all Towns within the said Province ; and also by a great Number of Grants of Lands to private Persons : All which serve to shew what is, and always was called *Charles River* ; and also to shew that the small Stream (now called *Mill-Brook*), and pretended now by the Province, to cover their aforesaid Deceit, to be the Southern Part of *Charles River*, is only a small Brook, and was never at any Time called *Charles River*, but was all along known by the Name of *Jack's Pasture Brook*, and *Mill-Brook*, and can no more properly be called a Part of *Charles River*, than the Water in the Clouds may fitly be so called, if it should chance to fall in such Place as to be convey'd to the Sea in the Channel of said River.

That an Agreement procured and perfected in the Manner aforesaid, is so far from altering the true Lines and Limits of Jurisdiction, and thereby depriving or abridging the People of those Privileges and Advantages granted them by their Sovereign, that we are humbly of Opinion, it is not in the Power of any to whom the Right of Jurisdiction is granted by the King, to transfer the same to any other, tho' it might be pretended to be done on the most reasonable and equitable Motives, and on the most certain Knowledge ; for if this were allowable, the several Provinces and Colonies in *America*, might all transfer their Right of Jurisdiction to some one, and thereby erect one great and dangerous Government, without the Knowledge of, and contrary to the express Intention and Interest of the Crown that first granted such Rights of Jurisdiction, but never made them Assignable.

That

That it appears to us clearly, that the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* have all along, and still do hold the Jurisdiction of a Tract of Land four Miles and Fifty-six Poles in Breadth, and the whole Length of the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, which they have no Right to the Jurisdiction of, and are humbly of Opinion, that it is Advisable for the said Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, to make their Application to the King their Sovereign, praying that he would be graciously pleased to order the South Line of the said Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* to be mark'd out according to their Charter, that the said Colony also may hold out and enjoy the Privileges granted them by their respective Charters.

And lastly, we humbly report as our Opinion, that the State of the Cases of the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, with the said Province, appear to be so far similar, that they may safely and fitly join together and correspond in the Prosecution thereof, so far as to procure an Order from the Crown to have the said Province South Line rightly settled: And that the necessary Expences arising thereon, be paid equally between the said Colonies.

Agreed to by *Roger Woolcot, jun.*

*Hartford, April 4. 1752.*

*Phineas Lyman,*

*Stephen Hopkins,*

*Thomas Arnold."*

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration. *Do Vote and Resolve, and it Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted*

*And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That the Gentlemen appointed a Committee by the Colony, respecting the Northern Boundary Line, be, and they are hereby continued for that Purpose.*

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**A N A C T** to prevent the Small-Pox being brought into the Colony by Strangers and Travellers coming from infected Places.

*W H E R E A S the Small-Pox is now Prevalent in the Town of Boston, and Travellers are often coming from thence into this Colony; by which Means, the Inhabitants are exposed to the Danger of taking that Distemper:*

For Preventing which,

**B E I T E N A C T E D** by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That during the Time said Distemper shall be Prevalent in Boston, or in any other Town in the Neighbouring Governments, no Person, that has not had the Small-Pox, and travelling by Land from any infected Place, shall come

come into this Colony, unless he or she tarry and abide Twenty Days on the Confines thereof, on the Penalty of *One Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor*; one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Informer. And the Town-Treasurer of the Town where the Offence is committed, is hereby impowered and required to prosecute all such Offenders, in either of the Counties where the Offence shall be committed.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That all Travellers that have had the Small-Pox, and coming by Land into this Colony, from any infected Place as aforesaid, may be admitted, without tarrying or abiding Twenty Days on the Confines, after being thoroughly cleaned, and shitted with fresh Cloathing, to the Satisfaction of such Person or Persons, as each Town in the Colony have, or shall appoint, to examine Travellers coming into such Town, and obtaining from him or them a Certificate, that he or she hath fully complied with this Act.

*AND it is also hereby Enacted*, That all Innholders, Victuallers, Retailers, and other licenced Houses, in every Town in the Colony, shall (whenever the Small-Pox is Prevalent in any of the Neighbouring Governments as aforesaid) inquire of all Strangers and Travellers coming for Entertainment in their Houses, the Places from whence they came; and if such Stranger or Traveller cannot give a satisfactory Account of their coming from Places not infected with said Distemper, such Innholder, Victualler, Retailer, or licenced Person as aforesaid, shall forthwith make Application to some Assistant, or Justice of the Peace, and inform him of the same, on the Penalty of losing his, her, or their Licence; which the Town-Council of such Town, for the Time being, are hereby authorized and required to take from him, her, or them.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Justices of the Superior and Inferior Courts, together with the Justices of the Peace, and Town-Council of the several Towns, are hereby fully authorized and impowered to make and ordain any further Acts and Orders, as may to them seem Needful, for preventing the Spreading of the Small-Pox in such Town, or for the well looking after, and most safely keeping any Person or Persons sick with the Small-Pox, or suspected to have taken said Distemper, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, tending to the Preservation and Safety of the People in such Town: Which Acts and Orders duly made by the Persons aforesaid, shall be as good and valid to all Intentions and Purposes, as if such Acts and Orders had been made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony, and shall continue

and be in Force from the Time of making them, to the End of the then next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer.

A N D that the Act passed at the last Session of the General Assembly, held at *South-Kingstown*, to prevent the Spreading of the Small-Pox, continue, and be in Force, 'till the End of the next Session of this Assembly. And that this Act be immediately published: And that the Secretary procure Two Hundred Copies thereof to be printed, and dispersed through the Colony, and set up in the most public Places on the Confines of this Colony, and sent into the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*.

An ACT in Addition to an Act, intituled, *An ACT Regulating and Establishing a just and equal Method of Gauging in and throughout this Colony.*

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof,*  
*It is Enacted*, That the Method to be used in and throughout this Colony, to find the mean Diameter of any Cask, in order to give the true Gage thereof, shall be by multiplying the Difference between the Head and Bung Diameters, with  $0,65$ , and adding the Product to the Head Diameter; or, which is the same Thing, otherwise expressed, by adding six Tents and an Half of the Difference between the Diameter at the Bung and Head, to the Diameter at the Head.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Fees for Gauging a single Cask, shall be *Four Shillings*, and for Gauging any Number of Casks not exceeding *Ten*, *Two Shillings and Six Pence* for each Cask, and for any Number above *Ten*, *Two Shillings* for each Cask.

A N D that this Act, and the Act herein referred to, shall extend to, and operate upon all Commodities whatsoever, sold in this Colony by the Gallon.

**W**Hereas *Ann* and *James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing the Act and Orders of the General Assembly, made and past at their Session in *February* last, and furnishing Paper for doing the Business: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-six Pounds Two Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann* and *James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

*It*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Reftcom Sandford be, and he is hereby appointed to perambulate that Part of the Colony Line which runs between Little-Compton and Dartmouth, at the Charge of Little-Compton.*

Whereas *Daniel Dunham* and *Richard Wilson* prayed this Assembly, that they may have a suitable Allowance for sweeping, taking Care, and keeping clean the Colony's House the last Year: Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds be paid the said Daniel Dunham and Richard Wilson out of the General Treasury, for their said Service.*

Whereas a great Number of Gentlemen, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Kings County, preferred a Petition to the General Assembly, held at *South-Kingstown* in *February* last, and among other Things set forth, that the Court-House and Jail on *Tower-Hill* in said *South-Kingstown*, being in a remote Corner of the County, expose the Inhabitants to great Inconveniences, and both are so far gone to Decay, that it will take a great deal of Money to put them in tolerable Repair; that they can never be made good, being miserably built at first; that it will be a continual Charge to keep them fit for Use, so that the most prudent Way will be to have them pulled down, and others erected in their Steads, at a Place called *Little-Reft-Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, being near the Center of the County, where *Col. Elisha Reynolds* and others, offered to give Lands, and build a Court-House and Goal at their own Cost and Charge. On the other Hand, a Remonstrance was filed by several Gentlemen and others, in Answer to the said Petition, offering to repair the Court-House and Goal on *Tower-Hill* at their own Charge.

Both which Papers were taken into Consideration at that Time, and the Assembly ordered the several Towns of that County to be served with Copies, which was done accordingly: And Report being now made by the Clerks of the several Towns, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition herein first-mentioned, be, and the same is hereby granted, provided Col. Elisha Reynolds, Mr. William Potter, and Maj. Latham Clark, give Bond to the General Treasurer in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, for the Performance of all the Conditions mentioned in their Petition, and for the Court-House being so far finished, as to be fit to hold Court in by the first Tuesday of August next, and the Goal and Goal-House not less than the Goal and Goal-House in the County of Kent; these last to be built and fit to receive Prisoners before any Part of the old Goal-House and Goal be pulled down or removed: And that said Court-House, and Goal-House, and Goal, be compleatly finished within one Year from the Rising of this Assembly.*

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Real Estate of *Job Weeden*, on which Execution is levied, at the Suit of *John Vaughan*, be not sold 'till after the Rising of the next Superior Court, to be held in the County of *Newport*.

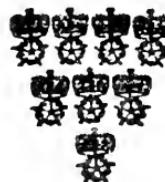
*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Directors of *Col. Pendleton's Lottery*, be still continued for that Purpose.

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly,* That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and past, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, which is hereby adjourned to the second Monday in *Jane* next.

*Newport, May 11. 1752.*

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**THO. WARD, Secry.**





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America ; begun and held (in Consequence of a Warrant issued by his Honour the Governor) at Newport, in said Colony, on the first Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two : and in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. JOSEPH WHIPPLE, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	DANIEL COOGESHAL, Esq;
STEPHEN BROWNL, Esq;	JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq;

*Aff.*

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

<i>The honble Thos: Cranston Esq: Speaker</i>	Warwick ;
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,	John Green, Esq;
Edward Scott, Esq;	Mr. John Holden,
The Speaker,	Lieut. Col. Stephen Low,
Peter Bours, Esq;	Benjamin Arnold, Esq;
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.	Westerly ;
Providence ;	Col. Oliver Babcock,
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Joshua Babcock, Esq;
Mr. Elisha Brown,	Newshoreham ;
Jonathan Randal, Esq;	Mr. John Littlefield,
Portsmouth ;	Mr. Joshua Sands.
William Anthony, jun. Esq;	North-Kingstown ;
John Allen, Esq;	Col. Immanuel Northup,
Caleb Hill, Esq;	Beriah Brown, Esq;

South-Kingstown ;	Coventry ;
Mr. <i>Geoffry Hazard</i> ,	Mr. <i>John Greene</i> ,
Col. <i>Thomas Hazard</i> .	<i>Caleb Greene</i> , Esq;
East-Greenwich ;	Exeter ;
<i>Joseph Nichols</i> , Esq;	Capt. <i>John Reynolds</i> ,
<i>John Fry</i> , Esq;	<i>Job Tripp</i> , Esq;
Jamestown ;	Middletown ;
<i>Joseph Clark</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>Joshua Coggeshall</i> .
Mr. <i>Josiah Arnold</i> , jun.	Bristol ;
Smithfield ;	<i>Jonathan Peck</i> , Esq;
<i>Thomas Arnold</i> , Esq;	Capt. <i>Simeon Potter</i> .
<i>John Aldrich</i> , Esq;	Tiverton ;
Scituate ;	Mr. <i>Edward Wanton</i> .
<i>Job Randal</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>Thomas Howland</i> .
Capt. <i>Charles Harris</i> .	Little-Compton ;
Glocester ;	<i>William Hall</i> , Esq;
Col. <i>Richard Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Richard Greenbil</i> .
<i>Andrew Brown</i> , Esq;	Warren ;
Charlestown ;	Capt. <i>John Adams</i> ,
Capt. <i>Nathanael Lewis</i> .	Mr. <i>John Cole</i> .
Mr. <i>James Congdon</i> , jun.	Cumberland ;
West-Greenwich ;	<i>Job Bartlet</i> , Esq;
<i>Jeremiah Ellis</i> , Esq;	Richmond ;
<i>George Gardner</i> , Esq;	Mr. <i>Joseph Hoxie</i> .

Mr. *Josias Lyndon*, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Thomas Lapham*, Esq; one of the Commissioners appointed by the Government to run and settle their Northern Boundary Line, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble, Ex-pences, and Horse-hire, in several Journies by him made upon that Account in October, 1749, and in the Months of April, October, December, and January, 1750 : Which being duly examined, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Lapham* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Richard Steere*, Esq; one of the Commissioners appointed by the Government to run and settle their North-boundary-Line, exhibited to this Assembly an Account charged against the Colony for sundry Journies made by him in endeavouring to find the true Place of *Woodward* and *Saffery's Stake*, or where to commence the North

North Line of said Colony according to Charter, and assisting in running said Line, for his Time, Trouble, Expences, and Horse-hire, beginning in the Month of *October*, 1749, and ending the sixth Day of *February*, 1750: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence. the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Steere* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Christopher Waterman* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Expences, and Horse-hire, in several Journies by him made, to assist in running the North-boundary-Line of the Colony, in *October*, 1749, and in the Months of *April, October, December, and January*, 1750: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Two Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Christopher Waterman* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Stephen Whipple*, who was employed as a Chainman in running the North-boundary-Line of the Colony, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Expences, and Horse-hire, in several Journies by him made in *October, November, December, and January*, 1750, upon that Affair: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings and Eight Pence, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Whipple* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Israel Wilkinson*, who was employed as a Chainman in running the North-boundary-Line of the Colony, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Trouble, Expences, and Horse-hire, in several Journies by him in *October*, 1749, and in the Months of *April, October, November, December, and January*, 1750, upon that Affair: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Three Shillings and Eight Pence, be paid the said *Israel Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jeremiah Lippit* and *Stephen Low*, Esqrs. exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for their Time, Horse-hire, and Expences one Day, in viewing a Place suitable to set a Pest-House, &c. in *Providence*. Which

Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Nine Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nathanael Helme* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Money by him advanced, Work done, &c. in getting Timber and erecting a Pillory on Tower-Hill in South-Kingstown, for the Punishment of *Willet Laroe*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Fourteen Pounds of the said Account be allowed and paid the said *Nathanael Helme* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Superior Court of Judicature of this Colony, be, and they are hereby directed to permit *John Pearce* and *Thomas Pearce* to appeal to His Majesty in Council, from a Judgment obtained against them by *John Rice*, agreeable to the Orders of his said Majesty in Council, now before this Assembly: Any Law of the Colony to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding. *And it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That the Superior Court meet in the County of Kent on Tuesday the sixteenth Day of this Instant June, for the Purpose aforesaid: And that the said *John Rice* be notified thereof, and served with a Copy of this Act, together with a Copy of said Order of His Majesty in Council.

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That an Act made and past in the sixteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, *An ACT directing the Attendance of the Petit Jurors and Witnesses at the Superior and Inferior Courts in this Colony, &c.*, be, and it is hereby Repealed.

*AND it is farther Voted and Resolved*, That the Town Clerk of each Town in the County of Providence, put out a Warrant to the Town Serjeant of each respective Town in said County, commanding him to warn all the Jurors to appear at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, to be held in the said County of Providence, on the first Day of the Court's sitting, and that this Act be immediately published, and a Copy thereof forthwith sent by the Secretary to the several Town Clerks in the County of Providence.

Published in Newport, June 2. 1752. according to Order.

By THOMAS WARD, Secry.

*Whereas*

*WHEREAS the Laws of this Colony exempt sundry Officers, and other Persons of divers Professions, from serving on the Jury, which hath been found by Experience, to include too great a Number of the Inhabitants, and protect the most sensible and substantial Freeman of the Government from so necessary a Duty ; by Reason whereof, it often happens, that Causes of the greatest Importance are decided by Men of slender Abilities, and little Credit, to the great Detriment of publick Justice.*

For Remedy whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Freeholder of this Colony whatsoever, shall be exempted or protected from serving as a Juror at any Time hereafter, excepting such Person or Persons as do, or have sustained the several Posts or Offices hereafter enumerated, viz. The Office of Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistant, Secretary, Attorney General, General Treasurer, of a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, and of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, who shall be forever exempted. And also whilst in Office, the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, the Clerks and Sheriffs of each County, with their general and acting Deputies, and the Serjeants and Officers attending upon the Courts, and all Justices of the Peace in Commission, saving that they shall be obliged to serve in any Case of Life and Death, where Title of Land is concerned, if returned upon a *Venire Factus*, or taken up as Talesmen : And also all Attorneys practising in any of the Courts of Common Pleas, or Superior Courts of Judicature ; and also all Physicians that live by their Practice, Ministers of Congregations of every Denomination are hereby exempted.*

*PROVIDED, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal any Part of an Act, entituled, *An ACT exempting the Persons appointed to work the Engines in Newport, from several Duties, &c.**

Whereas Mr. Lyndon, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Newport, exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Government, for procuring a new Book of Records to be used in his Office : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Sixteen Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Mr. Lyndon out of the General Treasury.*

## An ACT Regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy.

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof,*  
*It is Enacted,* That upon the Examination of any unmarried Woman, taken upon Oath, that she is with Child, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Warden of the Town where such Woman liveth, to grant forth a Warrant or Summons against the Person whom she has charged upon Oath, with the Begetting her with Child, provided he lives, or may be found in the same County ; which Warrant or Summons may be served by the Town Serjeant, or any Constable of the Town where the Examinant dwells or resides ; and when the Party accused, appears before any such Justice or Warden, if he can alledge no satisfactory Reason, that he is innocent, he shall be obliged to enter into a Recognizance with one or more Sureties, at the Discretion of the Justice or Warden, to appear at the next General Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County ; and if he refuse to enter into such Recognizance, the Justice or Warden shall commit him to the common Goal, there to remain 'till he be by due Course of Law delivered, and the Sessions, if the Woman be not delivered of the Child, may order the Continuance of the Recognizance to the next Term.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That after any Bastard Child is born in any Town in this Colony, it shall be lawful for any two Justices or Wardens, living in the Town where such Child was born, to grant forth a Warrant against the Person whom the Mother of the Child hath charged, or shall previous to the Granting of the Warrant, charge on Oath with having begot said Child ; provided the Person accused lives in the same County, or may be therein found ; which Warrant may be served as is herein before Enacted : And when the said Person appears, if the Woman upon being examined on Oath, continue constant in her Accusation, and no Plea or Proof be produced sufficient to satisfy the two Justices or Wardens who take Cognizance of the Cause, that he is innocent, they shall adjudge him to be the putative, or reputed Father of the Child, and make an Order for its Maintenance : And if the Person accused, is dissatisfied with the Order, he may appeal therefrom to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County in which the Child was born, upon paying down the Cost that has accrued, and entering into a Recognizance with one or more Sureties, for his Appearance there, and abiding such Order as shall be made by the Court, and in Default of such Order to be then made or taken by the said Court, to perform the Order already made ; but if he doth not pray an Appeal, the two Justices or Wardens that made the Order, are hereby impowered to commit him, if he refuse or neglect to perform their said Order.

AND

*AN D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Person accused doth not live in the County where the Child was born, or is not there to be found, it shall be lawful for any Assistant of the Colony, or Justice of the Superior Court, having first examined the Mother of the Child on Oath, to grant forth a Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of the County, or his Deputy, in which the accused Person dwells or resides, to apprehend the said Person, and him bring to the Town where the Child was born; and when he appears, the Assistant or Justice who granted the Warrant, shall order him into the Custody of the Town Serjeant, or some Constable of that Town, and is hereby fully impowered, in Conjunction with any one Justice or Warden living in the said Town, to take Cognizance of the Cause, and proceed therein in the Manner that is Enacted in the preceeding Paragraph.*

*AN D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Order to be made for the Maintenance of a Bastard Child, shall be, *Mutatis Mutandis*, of the following, or some such like Form.*

*IV<sup>th</sup> Hereas due Proof hath been made before us A. B. & C. D. Esqrs. inhabiting in the Town of N. in the County of N. upon the Oath of E. F. esq, &c. Mother of a Bastard Child, born the Day of in the Town aforesaid, that G. H. of, &c. did beget the said Bastard Child: which Child is likely to become Chargeable to the said Town of N.*

*We the said upon the Examination of the said E. F. and the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, do adjudge the said G. H. to be the putative Father of the said Bastard Child; and thereupon do order, as well for the Relief of the said Town of N. as for the Keeping and Maintenance of said Child, that the said G. H. shall forthwith, upon Sight of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Town for the Time being, the Sum of for the first four Weeks from the Birth of the said Child, for defraying the Charge of the Lying-in of the said E. F. and after the Expiration of the said four Weeks, the said G. H. shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town aforesaid, weekly, and every Week, the Sum of for and towards the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for so long Time as the said Child shall be Chargeable to the said Town. And farther, We do hereby order, That the said E. F. shall every Week, for so long Time as the said Child shall be Chargeable as aforesaid, and she shall not keep the same Pay, or cause to be paid unto the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of N. aforesaid, for the Time being, for and towards the farther Maintenance of the said Child.*

*Lastly, We order that the said G. H. do, upon Notice of this our Order, give sufficient Security to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of N. aforesaid, to indemnify the said Town. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this, &c.*

*AN D*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Order, made in Manner aforesaid, for the Maintenance of a Bastard Child, is brought before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace by Appeal, the said Court be, and they hereby are fully empowered to alter or amend the same, if it appears to be extravagant, or any Way defective, but they shall not quash or reverse it, unless it be made to appear that there is no sufficient Reason to adjudge the Person, charged with the Maintenance of the Child, to be the putative Father thereof: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary in anywise, notwithstanding.*

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**W**HÈREAS *Joseph Scott, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport,* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for warning all the Members of the General Assembly within his County, to give their Attendance at this present Session: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Scott* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Wilkinson, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence,* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for warning all the Members of the General Assembly within his County, to give their Attendance at this present Session: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinson* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of Kings County,* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for warning all the Members of the General Assembly within his County, to give their Attendance at the present Session: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Eight Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Nathanael Boscworth, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol,* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for warning all the Members of the General Assembly within his County, to give their Attendance at this present Session: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Account be,

be, and it is hereby allowed; and that Forty Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nathanael Bosworth* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Spenser*, one of the Constables of *East-Greenwich*, who was specially appointed and sworn by his Honour the Governor (the Sheriff being absent, and no one of his Deputies to be found) to wain the Members of the General Assembly living within the County of *Kent*, to give their Attendance at this present Session, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for performing that Service: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spenser* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Peter Bours*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for furnishing four Rheams of Paper to print the Laws on: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*. That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Bours* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Mr. David Anthony* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his *standing Guard* at *Bristol Ferry*, and finding himself ~~at~~ Horse One Hundred and Five Days: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Hundred and Ten Pounds of the said Account be allowed and paid the said *David Anthony* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the aforesaid *David Anthony* exhibited another Account charged against the Government, for Materials by him furnished and provided for building a Smoak-House at *Bristol Ferry*, finding Timber, Boards, paying the Carpenters Wages, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Twenty Pounds Thirteen Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Anthony* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Col. Samuel Lyndon*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Nails and a Padlock by him provided for the Smoak-House at *Bristol Ferry*. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that Five Pounds Six Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Lyndon* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *John Cane* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for officiating as an *Inspector* at the West Ferry on *James-town*, to examine all Travellers, &c. to prevent the Small-Pox being brought to that Island or *Newport*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighty-four Pounds of said Account be allowed and paid the said *John Cane* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas an Account was exhibited to this Assembly, charged against *Stephen Brownel*, Esq; by *Benjamin Tallman*, for Pine Boards by him provided for the Smoak-House at *Bristol Ferry*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Account is justly chargeable against the Government, and therefore that Fifteen Pounds Five Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Tallman* out of the General Treasury.

An A C T enabling the Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, to hold special Courts on certain Occasions.

*W H E R E A S it hath been found by Experience, that many ill Consequences have attended the Inferior Courts, not having Power to meet specially, as is necessary on certain Occasions,*

**B**E it therefore *Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof*, It is *Enacted*, That the Justices of the several Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, shall be, and they are hereby impowered to meet specially, and hold Courts (any three of the Justices to be a Quorum) for the Trial of Actions between the Vendue-Masters or Sheriffs, and any other Person or Persons for Money arising on the Sale of Goods and Chattles, sold at Publick-Vendue; and that the said Inferior Courts shall be held to, and govern'd by all those Rules and Directions as the Superior Courts of Judicature are by Law held to and governed by; and that the Clerks of the Inferior Courts shall act as Clerks in said special Courts; and that the Judgment of the said Court shall be final.

An A C T exempting sundry Persons from making Oath or Affirmation, notwithstanding the General Laws of the Colony made about suing out Executions.

*W H E R E A S by two A C T s of Assembly made and passed, one in March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, and the other in June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, it is required without*

out Exception, that all Persons inhabiting or residing in this Government, in order to intitle themselves to Execution, shall first make Oath or Affirmation, as by said Acts are directed, which in some Cases is found grievous,

*BE it therefore Enabled by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That after the Rising of this Assembly, all Persons beyond Sea, at the Time of obtaining Judgment, so as not to have an Opportunity of conforming to said Laws, all Executors and Administrators, and Persons acting in another's Right, and all Persons in their Infancy, or whose Understandings are impaired, so as to be adjudged *non compos Mentis*, who shall obtain Judgment in any Court in this Colony, shall be exempted from making Oath or Affirmation, and be nevertheless intitled to Executions as heretofore.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honour the Deputy Governor, Stephen Hopkins and Joseph Nichols, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to form the Draught of a Letter to be signed by his Honour the Governor, and sent to the Agent, and present the same to this Assembly as soon as they can conveniently.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, and John Tillinghast, Esq; be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to receive of Capt. Samuel Freebody, late Captain of Fort George, all the Stores belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same to James Sheffield, Esq; the present Captain of said Fort, giving and taking Receipts therefor.*

Whereas the General Assembly at their Session held at East-Greenwich the first Monday in March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-four, granted Sixty Pounds towards building a Bridge in the Highway that leads across Pautuxit River, from the Place called the Fulling-Mill, through the Lands of Wecochaconit and Natick, which was to have been drawn out of the General Treasury by Samuel Barton, when the said Bridge should be built and compleated: Which being effected, and the said Barton dead, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Holden be, and he is hereby fully impowered to draw the aforesaid Sum of Sixty Pounds for the Purpose aforesaid.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, to prevent the Spreading of the Small-Pox, be lengthen'd out, and continued in Force, 'till the End of the next Session of this Assembly; and that the Colony be guarded against said Distemper, by Persons to be set for that Purpose, at the following Places, and paid not exceeding the following Wages, v.i.z.*

At

At *Bristol* Ferry, at Forty Shillings per Day. At *Bristol* Gate; Forty Shillings per Day. At *Tiverton*, at Forty Shillings per Day. In *Providence*; at *Psautucket* Bridge, at Forty Shillings per Day. At *Bester's* Ferry, at Twenty Shillings per Day. At *Fuller's* Ferry, at Twenty Shillings per Day. In *Cumberland*, at Twenty-five Shillings per Day. At *Smithfield*, at Twenty-five Shillings per Day: And that every Person to be placed as a Guard, shall be such as have had the Small-Pox.

Whereas *Henry Sowle* of *Newport*, *Taylor*, represented unto this Assembly, that about a Fortnight after the Act passed by the General Assembly in *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, ascertaining the Price of Gold, Silver, and Bills of Exchange, and appointing a certain Oath or Affirmation to intitle a Person to an Execution; that he the said *Henry* being altogether ignorant thereof, sold two *Spanish* milled Dollars for Fifty-eight Shillings a Piece; by Means of which, he hath lost the Benefit of suing out Execution, where he hath or shall obtain Judgment, which will be greatly to his Prejudice, unless relieved by this Assembly: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Henry Sowle* shall be, and he is hereby empowered and authorized to demand Executions out of any Office in the Colony, first making Oath that he hath not in any other Form violated the aforesaid A<sup>d</sup>, than that above exprefled; and that he will for the future punctually and *bona Fide* comply with the same.

Whereas *Col. Daniel Abbot* and others, represented, That the General Assembly of this Colony, in the Year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven, order'd a Highway or Road to be laid out thro' the Lands of *Providence*, *Wesconotd*, and *Warwick*, leading into the Center of *Connecticut*, by the Way of *Plainfield*: And accordingly *Nicholas Lang*, Esq; then High-Sheriff of the Colony, impanelled a Jury of Twenty-four good and sufficient Men, who performed said Work; and that there are still alive some Persons that were present in doing the same; that the said Road or Highway hath ever since been improved as such; that great Cost and Labour hath been bestowed to amend it, and several Sums of Money granted by the Government to make Bridges for Travellers to pass at all Times over the several Rivers without any Difficulty, and it is now become a great Road; notwithstanding which, the Town of *Coventry* have passed a Vote to alter said Highway or Road, and lay it in such a *critical* Place, that should it take Effect, it would absolutely ruin the aforesaid Road or Highway, for there is a long Hill near half a Mile, stony and spungy, and over which the new Road must pass: And therupon prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee of three Men, the most acquainted with said Highway or Road, and a Surveyor, to revise the old Bounds, if to be found, and where they are wanting to make new, to keep the

the now travelled and beaten Road that has been so much worked upon and amended, and set the Breadth three Poles. Thus the Bounds being fixed, will instruct the Settlers by said Road, where to build their Stone-Walls, and run other Fences, &c. Upon Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Hopkins, Job Randal, and Charles Harris, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, to revise the Bounds of the antient Highway or Road aforesaid, at the Charge of the Petitioners, and make Report thereof to the General Assembly.

Whereas *Nathanael Bosworth, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, represented unto this Assembly, that the Court House and Goal in said County are out of Repair, particularly the Goal is by no Means sufficient for the safe keeping of Prisoners; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to order, proper Measures may be taken to repair the Goal, and make it a Place of safe Custody: Upon Consideration whereof, this Assembly do constitute and appoint *Jonathan Peck, Esq;* to make the necessary Repairs on the Goal-House and Goal in the County of *Bristol*, at the Charge of the Colony.

Capt. *Silas Greenman* is chosen a Town's-Committee-Man for *Westerly*, in the Stead of Capt. *Caleb Church*, deceas'd.

Mr. *Jeremiah Brownel* is chosen a Town's-Committee-Man for *Little-Compton*, in the Room of *Samuel Wilbore*, deceas'd.

*John Fisk* is chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*, in the Room of *Benjamin Fisk* who refused.

Capt. *Nathanael Lewis* is chosen a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charlestown*, in the Room of *Thomas Brownel* who refused.

Whereas *Jahleel Brenton, Esq;* came and informed this Assembly, that Mr. *Robert Saunderson* whom he had chosen a Referee in the Action of Account brought against him by the Governor and Company of this Colony, was gone to *Europe*; and thereupon the said *Jahleel Brenton* desired he might have an Opportunity of choosing another Referee in Mr. *Saunderson's* Stead, that said Action may be determined as soon as possible: On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Superior Court of Judicature, or a Quorum of the Judges, be, and they are hereby impowered to meet at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, on the fifth Day of this Instant *June*, to give Mr. *Brenton* an Opportunity of chusing another Person for a Referee in the Stead of Mr. *Saunderson*: And that *Benjamin Nichols, Esq;* and Mr. *Matthew Robinson* the Attorney, pursue said Action to final Judgment and Execution: And that *Stephen Brownell* and *Jeremiah Niles, Esqrs.* and Mr. *Benjamin Peckham, jun.* be

be a Committee to procure proper Vouchers in said Case, and give such other Assistance therin, as they are capable of, throughout the Tryal of said Action.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Old-Tenor, to his Honour the Governor, and Fifty Pounds Old-Tenor to his Honour the Deputy Governor, for their last Years Salaries, and extraordinary Services.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Speaker of the Lower House, *John Tillinghast, Peter Bours, and James Sheffield, Esqrs.* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Grand Committee's and General Treasurer's Accounts, and make Report to the General Assembly as soon as they can conveniently.

Whereas *William Compton* of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That on his and his Wife's last Return from *Boston* to *Providence*, they were by Order of the Authority, stopped at *Pawtucket* Bridge, on Account of their coming from *Boston*, where the Small-Pox then prevailed: That the said *William Compton*, in Obedience to the Order of Authority, and not having had the Small-Pox, forbore coming Home for the Space of Twenty Days, the appointed Time: That the said *Compton's* Wife having had the Small-Pox, tarried but four, whereas she ought to have tarried five Days: That she grew uneasy at being so long from Home, not having seen her Family in more than a Month: That having taken all due Care by shifting and cleansing every Thing that seem'd liable to receive and retain said Distemper, she came Home to *Providence* with her Husband: That for so doing, he was fined Fifty Pounds Old-Tenor, notwithstanding he had paid due Obedience to the Authority, and his Wife the like Sum, for transgressing but one Day, no Regard having been had to the Precautions which she used as aforesaid: And upon the whole, prayed said Fines may be remitted. And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That the said *William Compton's* Fine be, and it is hereby remitted, and that he only pay the Fifty Pounds which his Wife was fined.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Draught of a Letter made by the Committee, to be sent to the Agent, be accepted and approved of, and his Honour the Governor is desired to order a fair Copy thereof made, and sign the same, to be sent to the Agent by the first good Opportunity.

An A C T for Releasing and Relinquishing unto *Lillis Barton*, Widow of *Samuel Barton*, late of *Warwick*, in the County of *Kent*, Yeoman, deceased, and to the Children of the said *Samuel Barton*, all the Right, Title, and Interest of the Colony, of, in, and to the Estate of the said *Samuel Barton*, escheated, and become forfeited to the Colony.

WHEREAS *Lillis Barton* aforesaid, by Petition to this Assembly, did set forth, That she the Petitioner was under very distressed and melancholy Circumstances, by Reason of the sudden and unhappy Death of her said late Husband *Samuel Barton*, who left six small Children to the Care of the Petitioner, and she having no Estate wherewith to bring them up: And whereas, the Estate wherof the said *Samuel* was in his Life-time feiz'd, by the Act and Operation of Law escheated, and became forfeit to the Colony. And whereas, this Assembly taking into Consideration, the said distressed Condition and Circumstances of the said Widow and Children, for their Support, Maintenance, and future Provision,

DO Resolve and Enact, and it is hereby Voted and Enacted, That all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Colony, of, in, and to the Estate of the said *Samuel Barton*, escheated, and become forfeit, is hereby given, granted, released, and relinquished unto the said *Lillis Barton*, and to her aforesaid six Children, their Heirs and Assigns forever, to be enjoyed by them in equal Shares and Proportions.

AND it is also hereby further Enacted, That the said *Lillis Barton* shall, with the Advice, Direction, and Consent of the Town-Council of *Warwick*, sell and dispose all the aforesaid real Estate to the best Advantage, by giving and executing of good Deeds of Conveyance to any Person or Persons; and such Deeds so given, shall create to the Purchaser or Purchasers, as good Estate in Fee-Simple, as tho' the same were given by the said *Samuel Barton* in his Life-time; and the Monies arising on such Sale, shall after the just Debts of the said *Samuel Barton* are first paid, be put to Interest for the bringing up said Children, that is to say, six Seventh Parts thereof: One Seventh Part thereof, to be and remain to and for the sole Use of the said *Lillis Barton*, and as her sole Property: And for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid, the said *Lillis Barton* shall give good Security to the said Town-Council, that the Six Seventh Parts of said Monies arising on said Sale, shall be put to Interest for the bringing up said Children; and that at their coming of Age, they shall have and receive their just and equal Proportions thereof.

AND it is also further Enacted notwithstanding, That if the Interest of the said Monies should not be sufficient and equal to answ

answer the Ends hereby designed, in bringing up said Children, that then Application shall be made by the said *Lillis Barton*, or any other proper Person concerned, to the said Town-Council, from time to time, who are hereby impowered to allow out of the Principal, as much as they shall judge necessary for that End, and the same to be deducted out of the respective Shares and Proportions as aforesaid.

**W**hereas *Thomas Spenser*, Son of *Thomas Spenser* of *East-Greenwich*, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that being indebted to the Colony in the Sum of One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Four Shillings, he was sued for it to last *November* Court in *Newport*, where Judgment was rendered against him for said Debt, and the Costs arising upon the Suit: That being by Misfortune reduced to Poverty, he is not able to pay the Money, or any Part of it, nor shall be so, unless this Assembly grants him Liberty to go about some Business, whereby to raise the Money; and for that End, prayed Execution may be stayed against him for the Space of three Years. And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Execution for the above-mentioned Debt due to the Colony from the Petitioner, be, and the same shall be stayed for Eleven Months.

Whereas *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, represented unto this Assembly, That a very considerable Part of his Time hath lately been taken up in exchanging torn Bills, for which the General Assembly, on the third Monday of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, passed an Act, directing him to exchange for the future, such whole Bills of Credit as he should receive from time to time, and to take torn Bills in Lieu thereof, and for his Time and Trouble in so doing, to be allowed Half *per Cent.* Which the said *Benjamin* conceiving to be an Allowance too inconsiderable, and by no Means an adequate Compensation for his Time and Trouble in said Service, prayed for such farther Allowance as shall be thought proper: And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Nichols* shall for the future be allowed One *per Cent.* out of the General Treasury for exchanging torn Bills.

Whereas *Thomas Richardson*, Esq; General Treasurer, presented to this Assembly, the following Account stated, and a Memorial subjoined to it.

“ Money

" Money taken on Interest, *per Order of the General Assembly, viz.*

1749.	Auguſt the 6th.	- -	of Robert Taylor,	£. 600 0 0
	Sept. the 7th.	- -	of Joseph Jacob,	1600 0 0
	Octob. the 4th.	- -	of John Stevens,	500 0 0
			of Daniel Weeden,	227 12 6
				£. 2927 12 6

Bills of Exchange delivered.

Nº 1.	A Set to Simon Peaſe, Sterling, with Da- mage and Interest,	£. 231 0 0
2.	A Set to the Order of Edward Kinnicut, with Damage, &c	143 8 5
3.	A Set to Joshua Chevers, with Damage, &c -	231 0 0
4.	A Ditto to said Chevers, with Ditto, -	231 0 0
5.	A Ditto to Robert Gibbs, with Ditto, -	57 13 0
6.	A Ditto to Darius Seffons, with Ditto,	202 0 0

Exchange at 950 per Cent. £. 1096 1 5  
10412 13 5½

£. 11508 14 10½

makes in Old-Tenor (in which all Salaries  
and Fees are paid) - - - £. 14436 6 4½

Which said Services, I humbly apprehend, did not belong to me  
as General Treasurer, otherwise than as by special Acts of Assem-  
bly, I was ordered to do them; therefore hope, as the Service is  
performed, you'll judge it reasonable, that I should have a propor-  
tional Reward therefor, which at the most easy Commission of  
Half per Cent or Ten Shillings on each Hundred Pounds, amounts  
to - - - - - £. 72 3 8

Which is humbly submitted, Errors excepted,

per Your Friend, &c.

Newport, 6 Mo (Auguſt) 22. 1750. Tho. Richardson, G. Treaf.

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Con-  
sideration, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the  
said Account of Seventy-two Pounds Three Shillings and Eight  
K Pence,

Pence, be, and it is hereby allowed; and that the said *Thomas Richardson* may pay himself said Sum out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time of drawing the **Lottery** set up for paving the Streets in *Newport*, be lengthen'd out to the fourth Monday in *August* next, if all the Tickets be not sold before that Time, and if they be, to be drawn then.

*It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly*, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and it is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, proclaim in *Newport*, by Beat of Drum, the Acts and Orders now made and past, and send Copies of them, together with Copies of the Acts and Orders made and past in *May* last, to each Town in the Colony, according to Law, within forty Days: And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the third Monday of *August* next, the Adjournment in *May* last notwithstanding.

*Newport, June 8. 1752.*

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*At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations, in New-England, in America ; begun and held by Adjournment at Newport, on the third Monday of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two ; and in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c.*

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. *JOSEPH WHIPPLE*, Esq; Dep. Gov.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, Esq;	STEPHEN BROWNL, Esq;
JONATHAN NICHOLS, Esq;	ROBERT LAWTON, Esq;
NICHOLAS COOK, Esq;	JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
JABEZ BOWEN, Esq;	JEOFFRY WATSON, Esq;

*Afft.*

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES of the several TOWNS.

The Hon. *THOMAS CRANSTON*, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT ;	
Mr. Nathanael Coggeshall,	
Edward Scott, Esq;	
The Speaker,	
Peter Bours, Esq;	
Mr. Job Bennet, jun.	
Providence ;	
Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	
Mr. Elisha Brown,	



Jonathan Randal, Esq,	
George Brown, Esq;	
Portsmouth ;	
William Anthony, jun. Esq;	
John Allen, Esq;	
Caleb Hill, Esq;	
Mr. Gideon Freeborn, Esq; <i>Jun.</i>	
Warwick ,	
John Greene, Esq;	

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Mr.

Mr. John Holden,	Mr. James Congdon, jun.
Lieut. Col. Stephen Low,	West-Greenwich ;
Benjamin Arnold, Esq;	Jeremiah Ellis, Esq;
Westerly ;	George Gardner, Esq;
Col. Oliver Babcock,	Coventry ;
Joshua Babcock, Esq;	Mr. John Greene,
Newshoreham ;	Caleb Greene, Esq;
None.	Exeter ;
North-Kingstown ;	Capt. John Reynolds,
Col. Immanuel Northup,	Job Tripp, Esq;
Beriah Brown, Esq;	Middletown ;
South-Kingstown ;	Capt. William Turner,
Mr. Jeffry Hazard,	Mr. Joshua Coggeshall,
Col. Thomas Hazard.	Bristol ;
East-Greenwich ;	Jonathan Peck, Esq;
Joseph Nichols, Esq;	Tiverton ;
John Frye, Esq;	Mr. Edward Wanton.
Jamestown ;	Little-Compton ;
Joseph Clark, Esq;	William Hall, Esq;
Mr. Joshua Arnold, jun.	Mr. Richard Greenhill.
Smithfield ;	Warren ;
Thomas Arnold, Esq;	Capt. John Adams.
John Aldrich, Esq;	Mr. John Cole.
Scituate ;	Cumberland ;
None.	Job Bartlet, Esq;
Glocester ;	John Dexter, Esq;
Andrew Brown, Esq;	Richmond ;
Charlestown ;	John Webster, Esq;
Capt. Nathaniel Lewis,	Mr. Joseph Hoxie.

Mr. JOSIAS LYNDON, Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Peleg Barker of Newport, represented unto this Assembly, That a little before the Act for Stating the Price of Silver, Gold, and Bills of Exchange, was in Force, he contracted for a Quantity of Silver at a higher Rate than is stated by said Act, and compleated the Bargain after said Act was in Force ; but was intirely ignorant that the same was in Force : And after he was informed the said Act was in Force, he purchased a Quantity of Silver and Gold at a higher Price than is thereby regulated, but paid for it in New-Hampshire Bills, understanding at that Time, the Law extended to no other than the Bills of this Colony. And upon the whole, prayed to have the Liberty of taking the Oath prescribed by Law (excepting thereout the above-mentioned Articles) and be thereby intitled to take out Execution on all such Judgments as he shall hereafter obtain. And this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, Do Vote and

*and Enact, and it is Voted and Enacted, That the said Peleg Barker shall have Liberty of taking the Oath prescribed by Law (excepting thereout the above-mentioned Articles) and thereby be intitled to sue out Executions on all such Judgments as he shall afterwards obtain.*

Whereas Capt. *Samuel Freebody* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for Sundries by him provided for the Use of the Fort when it was lately under his Command: And this Assembly having taken the said Account into Consideration and duly examined it, do allow the same, and order *One Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence*, the Ballance thereof, to be paid the said *Samuel Freebody* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved, That all the Guards on the Borders, and in other Parts of this Government, for keeping the Small-Pox out of the same, be, and they are hereby continued until the Twenty-second Day of this Instant *August*, at the Charge of the Colony, and no longer: But nevertheless, in Case any particular Town or Towns shall see Cause to keep up said Guards, or any of them, for a longer Time, Liberty is hereby granted them to do it at their own Charge, and equal Authority, with that they have heretofore had, is continued in such Guard or Guards; and that for such further Time as they shall be kept up as aforesaid.*

Whereas *Hugh Beatty* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, &c. in attending at *Pautucket Bridge*, on Account of the Small-Pox: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Three Hundred and Ten Pounds, the Amount therof, be paid the said Hugh Beatty out of the General Treasury.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Pounds be paid to Col. *Sylvester Rickmond*, and Twenty Pounds to his Son *Ezra Rickmond*, Esq; out of the General Treasury, for their Time, Trouble, and Expence, in assisting when *Owen Sullivan* and his Accomplices were apprehended for counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Colony.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence be paid to *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq, out of the General Treasury, in order to discharge a Promise which he and the Justices in the Town of *Providence* made to *Philip Wheeler*, in Case he would apprehend and deliver up *Owen Sullivan*, which the said *Wheeler* hath faithfully performed.*

*Whereas*

Whereas *Mary Thompson* of *Newport*, Widow, by Petition, represented to this Assembly, That in *Jane* last her Pocket-Book was burnt by Accident, and in it upwards of Twenty-seven Pounds (in Bills of Credit) Sixteen whereof were emitted by this Government; and thereupon prayed the like Sum may be delivered to her out of the Tenth Money in the Hands of *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; On Consideration whereof, This Assembly appoint Mr. *Nathanael Coggeshall*, and *Peter Bours*, Esq; a Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of the Affair mentioned in said Petition, and deliver the Petitioner so much in Value of the Bills of Credit paid in for Tenth, as shall appear to have been destroyed as aforesaid, and bring what remains of the burnt Bills to this Assembly, in order that the same may be wholly burnt.

The Gentlemen who were appointed a Committee to receive of *Capt. Samuel Freebody*, late Captain of *Fort George*, all the Stores belonging to said Fort, and deliver the same to *James Sheffield*, Esq; the present Captain, made the following Report:

“ **W**E the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to receive of *Capt. Samuel Freebody*, all the Stores at *Fort George*, and to deliver the same to *Capt. James Sheffield*, do Report, We have in the Presence of *Capt. Samuel Freebody*, delivered to *Capt. James Sheffield* (as per his Receipt) all the Stores agreeable to this List hereto annexed, *viz.*

In the Lower Battery, *viz.*

24 Canon, 25 Carriages, 877 Canon Shot, 30 Crab Handspikes, 21 Spunge Staffs, 7 Worms, and 3 Ladles.

On the Platform,

12 Canon, 12 Carriages, 20 Handspikes, 1 Speaking Trumpet, 3 Worms, 5 spare Wheels, 11 Spung Staves, 1 Pendant, 1 Flagg, 1 Grindstone, 1 Iron Crow, 1 Wheelbarrow, 928 Canon Shot, 8 Iron Pots, 1 Frying Pan, 1 Wood Ax, 2 Pick Axes, 103 Shot Four Pounders each.

In the Magazine,

One 30 Gallon Cask of Powder, 5 Half Barrels of Powder, and some loose Powder.

In the Chamber,

3 Ladles, 14 Pair of Pistols, 3 Worms, 17 Small Arms, 28 Linch Stocks, 1 old Drum, 9 Cartridge Boxes, 9 Powder Horns, 17 Cartouch Boxes, 4 Half Barrels of Granada Shells, 1 small Cask of PistolCartridge, 5 Formers, a Quantity of empty Cartridges, 4 Cutlasses, and a small Parcel of Pistol Ball.

In the State Room,

13 Chairs, and 1 Table.

Outside of the Fort,

1 Triangle Gin, 1 Rowing Boat at the Wharff.

Dated *Newport*, *June 12. 1752.*

*John Tillinghast,  
Thomas Cranston.*  
“ *Fort*

“ Fort G E O R G E in Newport.

**R**eceived of the above-mentioned Committee, into my Care  
all the Stores, agreeable to the above List. Witness my  
Hand, this 12th Day of June, 1752.

per James Sheffield.”

To which Report, the Committee subjoined the following Account.

*Colony, - - - Dr. ---*  
**T**o our Time and Trouble in the above Service, £. 6 0 0  
*John Tillinghast,*  
*Thomas Cranston.”*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and it is hereby accepted ; and also that the Account by the Committee charged against the Colony, be allowed, and *Six Pounds* the Amount thereof, paid them out of the General Treasury.

Whereas an Account was exhibited to this Assembly by *Benjamin Weight*, charged against *Beriah Brown, Esq*; which being duly examined, and it appearing the Account arose upon an Affair of a publick Nature, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Weight* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Elisha Brown* of *Providence*, was appointed to receive of the Colonel of the Regiment, or any other Person in *Providence County*, all the Powder that belonged to the Colony, and to dispose of the same ; and he having performed that Service, made the following Report :

“ Pursuant to the Vote of the General Assembly, at their Session in June, A. D. 1750, I have receiv'd 8 Cask of Gunpowder belonging to the Colony, viz. six from *Col. Kinnicut*, and two from *Joseph Nichols, Esq*; and have disposed of them as follows :

4 Cask to <i>Col. Kinsicutt</i> , for	-	£. 96 0 0
2 Ditto to <i>Obediah Brown</i> ,	- -	60 0 0
2 Ditto to <i>Joseph Nichols, Esq.</i>		54 10 0

To my Time and Trouble,	£. 210 10 0
	5 5 0
	£. 205 5 0

Save Errors, per *ELISHA BROWN*.”

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And

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, and duly examined the same, do accept thereof.

Whereas *William Collins* of *Somers*, in *Connecticut*, represented unto this Assembly, That in *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, his House was casually burnt down, and almost all his Goods consumed, together with a Sum of Paper Money, among which were Fourteen Pounds in Bills emitted by this Colony; and thereupon prayed the Consideration of this Assembly: Who having duly examined into the Affair, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Fourteen Pounds be paid the said *William Collins* out of the Grand Committee's Office.

Whereas *Capt. Joshua Sawyer* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Colony, of Cash paid an Attorney for defending a Prosecution brought by *Salmon Gardner* against the Government: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be allowed, and *Four Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joshua Sawyer* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Tillinghast*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for One Hundred and Four Shot by him supplied the Fort with, and delivered in *March* last to *Samuel Freebody* then Captain; which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be allowed, and *Thirty-one Pounds Ten Shillings*, the Amount thereof, paid the said *John Tillinghast* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Ann and James Franklin* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for printing Two Hundred Acts of Assembly relating the Small-Pox, and for printing the Acts and Orders made and past at the two last Sessions, and furnishing Paper: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve*, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Eighty-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ann and James Franklin* out of the General Treasury.

The Gentlemen that were appointed to audit the Accounts of the Directors of *Col. Pendleton's Lottery*, presented this Assembly with what followeth.

“WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the Directors of *Col. Pendleton's Lottery*, do Report as followeth: That we have carefully examined the same, and find by a Discharge from said *Pendleton*, that

that they have paid him Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds, it being the Amount of the Lots of Land set forth in said Lottery. Said Directors also shewed us a Number of Benefit Tickets they had paid ; and also informed us, they had paid all that had been offered unto them. Further we find, there is a Ballance due to the Colony, Seven Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings.

*Geoffry Watson,  
Immanuel Northup.*

**T**O our Time and Trouble in settling the above Account, - - - - - £. 6 0 0  
*Geoffry Watson,  
Immanuel Northup."*

And now this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the foregoing Account be allowed, and *Six Pounds*, the Amount thereof, paid the aforesaid *Geoffry Watson and Immanuel Northup* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas the General Assembly in *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, granted the Sum of *Seventy Pounds* out of the General Treasury for repairing the Bridge then over *Pawtuxet River*, commonly called *Capt. Benjamin Green's Bridge* : And in *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine, the said General Assembly granted an additional Sum of *Sixty Pounds* for the Purpose aforesaid. And whereas since the granting said Sums, it has been thought proper to pull down said Bridge, and to erect a new one over said River a little below. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the above-mentioned two Sums, amounting to *One Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, be appropriated towards building the said new Bridge, and that *Benjamin Arnold, Esq;* draw the same out of the General Treasury for that Purpose. when said Bridge shall be finished.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds*, be allowed and paid *George Westgate* out of the General Treasury, for his officiating in *Tiverton*, and examining Travellers that came from *Boston* whilst the Small-Pox prevailed there.

Whereas *Joseph Nichols and Rufus Greene, Esqrs.* the Committee for building a Goal in *East-Greenwich*, for the County of *Kent*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of their Disbursements, &c. in that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three*

*Three Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Nine Skillings and Two Pence,*  
be paid the said *Joseph Nichols* and *Rufus Greene* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas there was presented to, and now lieth before this Assembly, a Vote of the Town of *Newport*, passed at a Meeting held there on the seventeenth Day of this Instant *August*, in these Words : ‘ Whereas the Directors appointed by the General Assembly for carrying on the Lottery granted for paving the Streets of said Town of *Newport*, have informed this Meeting, that they have not yet sold Two Thirds of the Number of the Tickets in said Lottery, nor have any Prospect of telling what remains, until a certain Time be prefixed for drawing said Lottery, a great Number of People both in this and the neighbouring Governments, being unwilling to part with their Money, until there be a Certainty of said Lottery’s being drawn in a reasonable Time : It is therefore Considered and Voted by this Meeting, That Application be made to the General Assembly for lengthning out the Time for drawing said Lottery, and pie- fixing the same on the second *Monday of November* next. And it is farther Considered and Voted by this Meeting, That all the Tickets which shall remain unfold at the Time which shall be prefixed for drawing said Lottery, shall be taken by said Town of *Newport*, and deposited in the Town Treasury, as the Property of said Town ; and the Town Treasurer shall give the said Directors a Receipt for the same : And in Case the said Town shall not draw as much Money as the Price of their Tickets shall amount to, the Deficiency shall be paid by a Tax on the Inhabitants of said Town ; and the said Town Treasurer is hereby impowered and directed to hire Money to pay said Directors said Deficiency, until said Tax be collected : And in Case the Town shall draw more Money than their Tickets shall amount to, the Overplus to be lodged in the Town Treasury, for paving such of the Streets of said Town, as shall be found most necessary.’ On Consideration whereof, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Act made and passed by the Town of *Newport*, be, and it is hereby confirmed, and shall be construed, deemed, and taken to pass as an Act of this Assembly. And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That the Drawing the Lottery aforesaid, be lengthen’d out to the second *Monday of November* next, at which Time the said Lottery shall be certainly drawn.

*An ACT in Addition to an ACT, intituled, An ACT for the Establishing and Regulating of Fees.*

*WHEREAS it often happens, that the Estate of Persons found dead, (on whose Bodies Inquisition is made) lies in the Hands of Persons who will not deliver the same; by which Means, Coroners and Jurors are kept out of their legal Fees.*

For Remedy whereof for the Future,

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That in all such Cases where the Deceas'd shall have Effects in any Persons Hands, the Coroner who made the Inquisition, may demand of such Person the whole Amount of the lawful Fees attending the Inquisition, and on his or her Neglect or Refusal to pay and discharge those Fees, such Coroner is hereby impowered to sue such Person for the same, at the Inferior Court in the County where the Inquisition shall be made; and the Coroner upon receiving the aforesaid Fees, shall pay the Jury, and all others concerned in the Inquisition, their lawful Demands.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person returned a Juror to serve on an Inquisition on a Dead Body, shall refuse or neglect to serve such Person (unless he be exempted by Law) shall be fined Five Pounds; and on his Refusal to pay the same, the Coroner shall issue out a Warrant of Distress, directed to the Sheriff of the County, or to either of his Deputies, who shall levy the same in the Manner that other Jurors Fines are collected; Thirty Shillings of which Fine shall go to the Coroner, Thirty Shillings to the Sheriff, and the Remainder shall be deposited in the Town Treasury where such dead Body shall be found.*

*AND it is also farther Enacted, That such Persons and no other be exempted from serving as Jurors, as are by the Law of the Colony excused from serving as Jurymen in other Cases.*

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*WHEREAS Daniel Howland, Esq; who lately departed this Life, was Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Kent, at the Time of his Death, and no one since has been chosen in his Room, whereby that Court hath not the full Number of Justices as are appointed by Law. This Assembly therefore chuse Mr. John Holden a Justice of the Court aforesaid, and Vote and Resolve, That he shall be the Youngest.*

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof,*  
*It is Enacted, That every Person who shall drive a loaded Cart*  
*or Trucks upon any Part of the Pavement lately laid in Queen*  
*Street, from the Colony House to the East Side of Thames Street*  
*in Newport, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Five Pounds for every*  
*Offence ; to be recovered before any two Justices of said Town,*  
*by the Town Treasurer ; which Fine shall be to and for the Use*  
*of said Town.*

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**An ACT for Stating and better Regulating the several Ferries  
in this Colony.**

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the*  
*Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prices to be taken*  
*for Ferriage, and Transportation of Men and Creatures, and other*  
*Things, shall be as followeth, viz.*

At the Ferries from *Newport* to *Jamestown*, for every Person, two shillings ; for every Horse, two shillings ; all Neat Cattle, four shillings ; every Sheep and Calf, six pence ; every Swine, eight pence ; every Horse and Chair or Chaise, twelve shillings ; and the same Ferriage to be taken from *Jamestown* to *Newport*, and also from *Jamestown* to *North* and *South-Kingstown*, and from *North-Kingstown* and *South-Kingstown* Ferries to *Jamestown*.

At the Ferries called *Lawton's* and *Pearce's*, and from the North End of *Prudence* to *Warwick Neck*, and back again, for every Person, two shillings ; every Horse, two shillings ; all Neat Cattle, three shillings ; every Sheep and Calf and Swine, six pence ; every Chair or Chaise, twelve shillings.

At the Ferries commonly called *Cook's* and ~~King's~~ *Anthony's* Ferries, for every Person, two shillings, every Horse, two shillings ; all Neat Cattle, three shillings ; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, six pence ; every Horse and Chair or Chaise, twelve shillings.

At the Ferries called *Anthony's* and *Howland's* Ferries, for every Person, nine pence ; for every Horse, nine pence ; all Neat Cattle, one shilling and six pence per Head, for every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, three pence per Head ; for every Horse and Chair or Chaise, eight shillings.

At the Ferry called *Borden's* Ferry, for every Person, one shilling and six pence ; for every Horse, one shilling and six pence ; all Neat Cattle, three shillings ; every Sheep, Calf, or Swine, six pence ; for every Horse and Chair or Chaise, ten shillings ; and the same Reward to be taken from *Bristol* Ferry to *Rhode-Island*.

At *Kelly's* or *Miller's* Ferry in *Warren*, for every Person, eight pence ; for every Horse the same ; all Neat Cattle, one shilling and four pence per Head ; every Sheep, Swine, or Calf, two pence ; for every Horse and Chair or Chaise, four shillings.

At

At Fuller's and Mason's Ferries near Providence, for every Person, eight pence ; for every Horse, eight pence ; all Neat Cattle, fifteen pence per Head ; every Sheep, Cali, or Swine, two pence ; for every Horse and Chair or Chaile, four shillings

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That upon the First Day of the Week, the Boats shall pass over said Ferries with Passengers at the Rates aforesaid, until Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon and after Thrice o'Clock in the Afternoon of laid Day. And in all the aforesaid Ferries, where the Boats pass by Sails, when the Boat belonging to that Ferry Place is put off by a single Person only, double Ferriage is to be paid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That Kelly's and Miller's Ferries in Warren shall be free upon all publick Days in said Town, *to wit*, upon the Days of Town-Meeting, setting of the Town-Council, and Training Days ; and such of the Inhabitants of said Town, as are concerned in any Business upon said Days, shall be transported Ferriage free, forwards and backwards.

And all Post-Riders shall be transported Ferriage free over the several Ferries in this Colony, in riding their Stages.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be convenient Piccs and Wharffs erected and kept in good Repair at all and every the aforesaid Ferries, by the Persons hiring the same ; and that all such Persons at the aforesaid Places, shall keep good and sufficient Boats well fitted for the Business, according as is necessary for their several Ferries, and shall give due Attendance, without Let or Hindrance to Passengers, for the Transporting all Persons desiring to pass from the Hour of Five in the Morning, until Eight o'Clock at Night, from the tenth Day of *March* until the tenth Day of *September*, and the other Part of the Year, from Six o'Clock in the Morning until Seven at Night, at the before mentioned Rates ; and whatever Ferry-man shall refuse to cause to be carried or transported as soon as may be, and the Weather permitting, any Person whatever, presenting himself between the Hours aforesaid, and requiring the same, shall forfeit and pay for Damages to such Person, the Sum of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered by an Action of the Case, in the Town where the Action accrued : And no Passenger or his Horse shall be prevented from passing, or be delayed from passing, by Reason of Doves of any Sort of Creatures whatever, upon the Forfeiture of the like Damages, to be recovered in like Manner.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Ferry-man in this Colony, shall be obliged to transport for common Ferriage, Physicians, Surgeons, Midwives, and Persons going

going to fetch Physicians, Surgeons, and Midwives, at any Time of the Night, on the Penalty aforesaid ; to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid, by the Person delayed, or suffering by said Delay.

*AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatever Ferry-man shall demand and take of any Person or Persons, passing any of said Ferries, a greater Reward than is before-mentioned for Ferriage, shall pay as a Fine, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, the other Half to the Informer ; to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information.*

*AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Ferry-man shall take any Thing of any Person or Persons that shall cross any of the Ferries aforesaid, as they go or return to or from Market, for transporting their Bags, Packs, or Tubs, that is to say, such and so many as he or she shall carry upon one Horse, or on their own Persons on Foot, upon the Penalty last mentioned, to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid.*

*AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whosoever shall presume after the Space of three Months after the Rising of this Assembly, to set up a Ferry for the carrying or transporting for Hire, any Passengers where a Ferry is stated, and Leases thereof given by the Colony's Committee, without Licence from the General Assembly, and shall receive a Reward for so doing, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine to the Colony, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, to and for the Use of the Colony, to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid.*

*AND be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person keeping Ferry in this Colony, shall at all Times keep the true stated Price for Ferriages, affixed up in publick View in a publick Place, in the most publick Room of the Ferry House, upon the Penalty of Ten Pounds, to be forfeited to the Colony for such Neglect, to be recovered as aforesaid.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Committee be appointed to lease out the aforesaid Ferries, and such others as shall be stated and licenced by Authority, upon the Terms fixed by Law for any Term not exceeding seven Years : and that they give the first Offer to the Persons that are provided with Piers and Boats, and that have been used to hire the same : But upon their Refusal, to such other proper Persons as shall lay themselves under Obligation to qualify themselves for that Work, and to perform the same ; and such Committee shall return the Counterpart of such Leases by them given, into the Hands of the General Treasurer.*

*AND*

*AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Daniel Coggeshall, Esq: Capt. Nicholas Carr, and Col. Immanuel Northup, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid.*

*AND be it Enacted, That all former Laws for the Regulating the Ferries in this Colony, be, and they are hereby repealed.*

**W**H E R E A S *Jerathmuel Bowers* represented unto this Assembly, That *Joseph Swazey*, Master of the Sloop *Somerset*, sailed from the Port of Newport in December last, bound to *Barbados* and *Salteradas*: That in his Return Homeward, he was taken by a *Spaniſh* Privateer or *Pirate*, and carried into *St. John's* on *Porto Rico*: That from the Circumstances attending the Affair, the said *Jerathmuel* is well satisfied, that with the Assistance of this Assembly, he shall be able to recover said Vessel, which belongs to him: And thereupon prayed that the said *Joseph Swazey* may have a Commission under the Seal of the Colony, to proceed to *St. John's*, or any other Port of the King of *Spain's* Dominions, in order to endeavour the Recovery of said Vessel, which he promised to do without any Charge to the Government; and that the said *Joseph Swazey* should be under such Restrictions as this Assembly should think fit, &c. Which being duly considered, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

Whereas *Enoch Hunt* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Service done in tending the Gait near *Capt. Whipple's* in *Cumberland*, from the seventeenth Day of *April* last, to the eighteenth Day of this Inst. *August*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Enoch Hunt* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *David Anthony* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his standing Guard at *Bristol Ferry* from *May* the 29th, to the 22d Day of *August* Inst. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds* be paid the said *David Anthony* out of the General Treasury

Whereas *Nathan Burdick* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account charged against the Government, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in carrying a Letter from the Superior Court to *Isaac Huntington*, Esq; at *Norwich*: Which being duly examined, *This*

*Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds be allowed and paid the said Nathan Bardick out of the General Treasury for his said Service.*

Whereas *Peter Bours, Esq;* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for a Quantity of Paper by him delivered Mr. *Franklin* to print the Colony Laws upon: Which Account being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed; and that Eleven Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence, be paid the said Peter Bours out of the General Treasury.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That that Part of the Laws of the Colony which have been lately printed, be lodged with the General Treasurer, to be sold at Thirty Shillings per Book.*

*It is Voted and Resolved, That William Anthony, jun. Esq; and Mr. Edward Wanton, be, and they are hereby appointed and impowered to dispose of the two Smoak-Houses, one at *Portsmouth*, and the other at *Tiverton*, and the Gate and Fence belonging to the Colony, and make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.*

Whereas *Samuel Hickes and Thomas Anthony of Tiverton*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of *Fifty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Penny*, by them charged against the Colony, for Boards, Nails, Labour, &c. by them provided and found for making a Gate, and building a small House in said Town, for the Residence of the Man there appointed to examine Travellers that came from Places infected with the Small-Pox: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny of said Account be allowed and paid the said Samuel Hickes and Thomas Anthony out of the General Treasury, Thirty-four Shillings per Day being allowed for the Work, and no more.*

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An ACT for raising Money by Way of Lottery, to reimburse what Money was advanced by *Obediah Brown, David Whipple, John Dexter, and Paul Tew*, in building a Bridge over *Pawtucket River*, and for compleating said Bridge.

*WHEREAS the General Assembly, at their Session held at Providence the first Monday in December, A. D. 1750, granted the Sum of Two Thousand and Two Pounds Ten Shillings to be raised by Lottery towards the Building a Bridge over Pawtucket River, between*

between the Towns of Smithfield and Cumberland, in this Colony, and appointed and authorized the said Obediah Brown, David Whipple, John Dexter, and Paul Tew, to set forth a Lottery for that Purpose, and procure the same to be filled and drawn, and with the Sum aforesaid, being the net Deduction from said Lottery, to build and erect a good Bridge at the Place aforesaid: And as the said Obediah Brown, David Whipple, John Dexter, and Paul Tew, have duly performed and executed the Trust and Authority given them by the said Act of Assembly, and have almost compleated said Bridge, and have exhibited and submitted Accounts of all their Proceedings thereon to this Assembly, by which it appears, that the said Brown, Whipple, Dexter, and Tew, have advanced and ~~spent~~ of their own Money, over and above the aforesaid Sum, Five Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Two Pence: Which Sum they prayed this Assembly would cause to be repaid to them, and also furnish a small Sum for the compleating said Bridge.

All which being duly considered,

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the said Obediah Brown, David Whipple, John Dexter, and Paul Tew, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby authorized and impowered to set forth a Lottery for the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be managed in the same Manner, under the same Regulation, and subject to the same Deduction as the aforesaid Lottery granted for building the aforesaid Bridge was subject to.

The Number of Tickets in the aforesaid Ten Thousand Pound Lottery, shall be 2500 at Four Pounds each, 536 of which shall be fortunate in the following Manner, that is to say, Three of £. 500 each; Five of £. 200 each; Eight of £. 100 each; Fifteen of £. 50 each; Twenty of £. 40 each; Thirty of £. 20 each; and 455 of £. 10 each; and that the said Lottery shall be drawn on the first Monday in March next, at Mr. David Whipple's in Cumberland.

**A**ND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Deduction of Ten per Cent. from said Lottery, the aforesaid Sum of Five Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Two Pence, shall be applied to pay the aforesaid Obediah Brown, David Whipple, John Dexter, and Paul Tew; and that the remaining Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds, which will be raised by said Lottery, shall be applied to the repairing, finishing, and securing said Bridge: But that the Scheme of said Lottery be not published till after the second Monday of November next.

An ACT to prevent detaining Fines from the proper Offices to which they by Law belong.

*WHEREAS it often happens, that the Judges and Clerks of several Courts, and Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other Officers in this Colony, who have the Power by Law of setting Fines, or of receiving such Fines, do not return the Money into the proper Offices to which a Fine so set belongs; by Means whereof, the Publick is defrauded.*

Therefore and for the Preventing such Practices for the future,

*BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That if the Justices of the Superior Court of this Colony, or if any of the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, or any of the Clerks of any of said Courts, or any Sheriff, or any Justice of the Peace within this Colony, or any other Officer whatsoever, into whose Hands any Money received for Fines shall come by any Means whatsoever, under Colour of any Law of this Colony, shall detain and keep in his or their Hands, any such Fines, or any Part thereof, by the Space of three Months from the Time of receiving it; or if any of the Officers aforesaid, have now in their Hands any Money received for Fines as aforesaid, and do not within the Space of three Months from the Publication of this Act, pay all Moneys so in their Hands, into the proper Office to which it belongs by Law, every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine for every such Offence, into the Office or Treasury where such Fine by Law belonged, the Sum of Twenty Pounds in lawful Money of this Colony; to be recovered by the Office-keeper or Treasurer of such Office, by Bill, Plaintiff, or Information, in any Court of Record in the County where the Offence is committed.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever it shall happen, that any Money received by any of the Officers aforesaid, for Fines, shall by them be detained for more than three Months from the Time of receiving, it shall be lawful for the Office-keeper or Treasurer to which by Law such Fines ought to be paid, to bring an Action against the Person so detaining such Fines in any proper Court in the County (where the Offence is committed) for the Recovering the Money so detained; in all which Cases, if the Plaintiff recover Judgment, he shall also have double Costs against the Defendant.*

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session. That the Secretary proclaim*

claim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Sixty Days send Copies of them to each Town in the Colony: And this Assembly is adjourned to the fourth *Monday of October* next, if called by either of their Honours the Governor, or Deputy Governor; but if not called before nor at said Time, than this Assembly shall be Dissolved.

**GOD Save the KING.**

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<i>Mr. James Congdon, jun.</i>	

*Thomas Cranston, Esq;* was chosen Speaker : And  
*Mr. Josias Lyndon, Clerk of the Lower House.*

WHEREAS *Joseph Nichols, and Rufus Greene, Esqrs.* the Committee appointed for building a Goal in *East-Greenwich*, in the County of Kent, exhibited to this Assembly a farther Account of their Disbursements, &c. in that Service : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Reslove, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Seven Pence Three Farthings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Nichols and Rufus Greene* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Job Bennet* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for Labour and sundry Disbursements by him done, &c. to repair the Goal in *Newport* : Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Reslove, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that Twenty-eight Pounds Twelve Skillings,

ings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Clark* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his own and *John Pratt's* Attendance, &c. at the Gate between *Bristol* and *Warren*, whilst the Small Pox lately prevailed in *Boston*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Forty-eight Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Clark* out of the General Treasury, for the Use of himself and the said *John Pratt*.

Whereas *Thomas Jolls* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for keeping the Gate between *Bristol* and *Warren*, fourteen Days, when the Small-Pox lately prevailed in *Boston*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Twenty-eight Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Jolls* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Samuel Mixwel* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his attending Twenty three Days at the Bridge in *Cumberland*, when the Small-Pox lately prevailed in *Boston*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Forty Pounds Five Shillings*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Mixwel* out of the General Treasury

Whereas *Jonathan Munday* exhibited to this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Government, for attending One Hundred and Three Days at the Gate between *Bristol* and *Warren*, to prevent spreading of the Small-Pox. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Two Hunared and Six Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Munday* out of the General Treasury

Whereas *Peter Bours*, Esq; exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for Cash he had paid to purchase Marble and Cartridge Paper to cover the new Law-Books: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Thirty-two Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Bours* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas

Whereas *John Thomas* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Two Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings, by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance at *Fuller's Ferry*, to take Care respecting the Small-Pox, One Hundred and Fifty-three Days, and for his Board: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds of the said Account be allowed, and paid the said *John Thomas* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Jeremiah Olney* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account of Two Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds by him charged against the Government, for his Attending by Warrant at the Ferry called *Narrow Passage*, and also for his Board: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That One Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds of the said Account be allowed, and paid the said *Jeremiah Olney* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Joseph Anthony* of *Tiverton*, Esq; represented unto this Assembly, That *John Tillinghast, Robert Lawton, and Stephen Brownell*, Esqrs, did by a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, appoint and place him the said *Joseph Anthony* as a Guard at the Ferries, called *Anthony's* and *Howland's* Ferries, and gave him Power to examine on Oath or Engagement, all Persons suspected of having broken the Law of this Colony made to prevent the Spreading of the Small Pox; and that he hath performed that Office, for which he prayed an Allowance: And this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty Pounds be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Anthony* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Whipple* of *Glocester*, in the County of *Providence*, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, That on the thirteenth Day of *March* last, he had the Misfortune of having his Dwelling House burnt down, and therein all his Household Goods (except one Brass Kettle) together with Eighty-two Pounds in Bills of Credit of this Colony Old Tenor were consumed: Whereupon he prayed Relief: And this Assembly having duly examined into the Matter, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Eighty-two Pounds Old-Tenor be paid out of the Grand Committee's Office to the aforesaid *John Whipple* for what he lost by Fire as above-mentioned.

Whereas *William Coddington*, jun. represented unto this Assembly, That in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-five, he was appointed with *Col. Hezekiah Carpenter*, who is since deceased, to examine whether the Committee for the Town of *Newport* had taken sufficient Security for the Colony's Money they had let out

out in the Bank last emitted before that Time, and prayed an Allowance for the said Service: And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Pounds* be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury therefor, unto the said *William Coddington, jun.* and the Administrators of the said Col. *Hezekiah Carpenter*.

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An ACT for Regulating Appeals from Judgments obtained upon Notes of Hand, at any of the Inferior Courts in this Colony.

*WHEREAS it often happens in the several Counties of this Colony, that Persons are obliged to sue out Promissory Notes of Hand for considerable Sums of Money, some of which are payable with Interest, and others without any Interest at all: And forasmuch as the Fees in this Colony are so small, that Persons will very often appeal from the Judgments given at the Inferior Courts to the Superior Courts, not for the Procurement of Justice, but for the Delay thereof, to the great Injury of the Creditor.*

For Remedy whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all Persons appealing from a Judgment given on Promissory Notes of Hand for Money at any of the Inferior Courts in this Colony to the Superior Court, shall give Bond to prosecute the Appeal so made, and if cast, shall pay double Interest and Costs in the same Manner as is provided by an Act of Assembly regulating Appeals on Bonds.*

*WHEREAS Jonathan Ormsby exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Time, Expences, and Horseshire, from Man's at Wrentham, to wait on Henry Harris, Esq; at Providence (at the Request of the Commissioners empowered to settle the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony) who was appointed Surveyor in that Affair: Which being duly examined, This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Four Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jonathan Ormsby out of the General Treasury.*

The Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to receive of Col. Updike the Tenth Money of the Colony he had in his Hands, &c. made the following REPORT:

“ *WE the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly, a Committee to receive of Daniel Updike, Esq; the Tenth Money he had in his Hands belonging to the Colony, and to burn the same, Report, That we have received of said Updike,*

*Updike, Five Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Old-Tenor, and have burnt the same.*

We also Repott, That we have made Inquiry concerning an Article of *Four Hundred Pounds* charged to the Colony by said *Updike* to purchase Shot, and find that the Money was appropriated to that Use; and the above Sum of Money burnt, together with the Shot, ballances an Account between the Colony and said *Updike*: But that he is still accountable for a Number of Mortgage Deeds he had in his Hands to put in Suit, a List of which has been heretofore laid before the Assembly.

*Newport, October. 21. 1752.*

*Peter Bourne,*

*Thomas Cranston,*

*James Sheffield"*

And this Assembly having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and it is hereby accepted.

Whereas *Thomas Hazard*, Keeper of His Majesty's Goal on *Tower-hill*, in *Kings County*, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, at their Session in *Newport* last *Jane*, That on the *Nineteenth Day of December* last, one *John Lawless*, a transient Person, was committed to said Goal, for stealing *luntry Goods* from *Elias Thompson of Westerly*, of which Crime the said *John* has been since convicted; and from the Day of his Commitment hath been, and at the Time of presenting said Petition, was confined to said Goal; during all which Time, he hath subsisted at the Expence of the Petitioner: That as the last *Winter* was exceeding cold and severe, and the said *Hazard* was obliged to be at extraordinary Care, *Trouble*, and *Expence*, in finding *Bed-Cloaths*, *heating Stones*, and using other Means to prevent the said *Lawless* from being frozen, &c. And therupon prayed this Assembly to grant him the Sum of Six Pounds per Week for supporting the said *Lawless*, out of the General Treasury.

And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That what Money *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of *Kings County*, has or shall receive for the Sale of said *John Lawless*, in Pursuance to the Order of Assembly, be appropriated towards paying the Cost of his Prosecution, *Prison Fees*, and *Maintenance*, as by Law allowed; and what it falls short of paying the *Prison Fees*, and his *Maintenance*, be paid to the said *Thomas Hazard* out of the General Treasury, after Cost of Prosecution shall be paid.

Whereas *James Arnell*, Esq; and Mr. *James Rhodes*, exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Government, for hiring *Labourers*, *Carts*, purchasing *Stones*, &c. to repair *Pautuxit Bridge* at the *Falls*: Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the

the said Account be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that *Eighteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Arnold* and *James Rhodes* out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *John Angel* of *Providence*, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, That he hath a Cause now pending in the Superior Court of Judicature in this Colony, against *Benjamin Belknap* of said *Providence*: That the Decision of the Cause resteth on a Question in Law: That one of the Judges being nearly related to the said *John Angel*, refuseth to give Judgment, and the other Four being equally divided in Opinion, his Cause is stayed greatly to his *court*: Whereupon he moved to have Relief given him in the Premises.

On Consideration whereof,

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved,* That *David Cumstock*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature of this Colony, to hear and give Judgment in the Cause aforesaid, in the Room of *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; who is the Gentleman that declines giving Judgment therein.

Whereas several Gentlemen of *Providence*, represented unto this Assembly, That the Bridge at *Pawtucket* Falls in said Town, is so much out of Repair, that it is dangerous to pass it with Carts; and that it will be altogether Useless without a speedy Repair; and thereupon prayed for a Sum of Money out of the General Treasury sufficient for that Purpose. And this Assembly having taken the Matter into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Mr. Elisha Brown*, be, and they are hereby constituted a Committee, to repair the Bridge aforesaid at the Charge of the Colony; and that when they have so done, they render an Account of their Conduct to the General Assembly.

**A C T for Naturalizing Michael Trollett, now residing at Newport in this Colony, Merchant, late a Subject of the Republick of Geneva.**

**W**HEREAS the said Michael Trollet hath represented unto this Assembly, That he for many Years past hath exercised the Business and Occupation of a Merchant in divers Parts of Europe and America; and that he hath been a long Time conversant with His Britanic Majestys Subjects of this Colony, and moreover is a Protestant, and willing to settle and reside in some of his said Majestys Dominions, where he may profess and enjoy his Religion without Offence: That he by Inclination, is led to settle in this Colony, and thereupon prayed, That upon his

his taking the Oaths by Law appointed, an *Act of Naturalization* might be passed by this Assembly, rendering him a Subject of his said Majestie, as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he were born so. And whereas it appears to this Assembly, the said Michael Trollet hath given good Testimony of his dutiful Affection, and strong Attachment to serve and propagate the British Interest, as well elsewhere as here.

On Consideration whereof,

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the said Michael Trollet be, and he is hereby naturalized, and forever hereafter, shall be adjudged and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, to be naturalized, and is rendered and made equal in all Respects to a freeborn Subject of this Colony, provided he take the State Oaths, and all other Oaths by Law required.

Whereas several Gentlemen have represented unto this Assembly, That the Goal-House in the Town of Providence, is so situated, that it is very inconvenient both as to Water and carting Wood, and said Goal is now some Distance up a Hill, by which Means, not only the Goal-keeper, but the poor Prisoners are often Times very much distressed; and thereupon prayed, that a Committee might be appointed to sell the said Goal-House, Yard, &c. and with the Money arising therefrom, purchase some more convenient Place, and erect a Goal-House thereon, &c. And this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Stephen Hopkins, Esq; with Messrs. Elisha Brown and John Dexter, be a Committee, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered to sell and dispose of the Goal-House, Goal, and Lot of Land aforesaid, to the best Advantage, and to give a good Deed thereof, which shall vest in the Buyer an Estate in Fee Simple: And that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, build a good new Goal-House and Goal, of a suitable Bigness, at the Charge of the Colony, on Condition a good convenient Lot of Land in the Town of Providence be provided therefor, at the Charge of said Town: And that the Money arising from the Sale of the said Goal House, and Lot of Land thereto belonging, be appropriated towards erecting the new Building.

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An ACT to empower the Town-Councils of the respective Towns in the Colony, to exchange Highways.

**W**HEREAS many Highways in this Colony, were laid out before the Country through which they were laid, was settled, and fully known, and for want of proper Knowledge of the Lands, Rivers, Swamps, Hills,

*Hills, and other Circumstances that attended such Highways, many of them are found, now a full Acquaintance is had with their Defects, to be almost Useless, and some utterly impeffable, and often Times other Highways might be laid near the same Places, that would be good and useful, and with little Expence to the Towns they are in; the said old, inconvenient and useless Highways might be thrown up, and given in Exchange, or sold to pay for such new Highways.*

Therefore for the Effecting such Alterations in Highways,

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, the Town-Councils of every Town in this Colony, have full Power and Authority, in the same Manner as they are now impowered to lay out new Highways, to order to be laid out other Highways in the Stead of any Highways which they shall adjudge to be inconvenient or useless, and when they are so laid out, them to settle, and fully establish; and shall also have full Power and Authority to throw up and relinquish all such old Highways as are useless in their Judgment, and the same to sell and dispose of as they think fit, and moist for the Benefit and Advantage of the Town in which they are: And the Sale of any such Highway, by any Town-Council duly made, shall create in the Purchaser thereof, a good Estate in Fee-Simple, provided that no Town-Council be hereby impowered to any way alter or exchange any Highways that have been heretofore, or shall be hereafter laid out, ordered, or established by the General Assembly of this Colony.

**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer pay and discharge the Bill of Exchange of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling drawn by the Agent on this Colony, in Favour of Gideon Wanton, Esq; and that if there be not a Sufficiency of Money in the General Treasury for that Purpose, the Treasurer is hereby directed to hire on the Credit of the Colony, and that on the best Terms he can, as much Money as shall be wanting to make up the Money.

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**A N A C T in Addition to an Act, entituled, An ACT directing the Method of receiving Petitions into, and acting thereon, in the General Assembly.**

**F**OR AS MUCH as it appears to this Assembly, that many Persons exhibit Petitions to the General Assembly, containing and setting forth Matters and Things altogether fictitious and untrue, and by such their Allegations in their Petitions contained, do obtain Votes and Orders of the General Assembly for the Suspension of Suits, and staying Executions for Sums of Money, whereby it frequently happens, that Plaintiffs in Suits at Law, are against Right kept from their just Due; for which Grievance, the above-mentioned Act hath not provided Remedy.

Wherefore, and for preventing the like Practices for the Future,  
**B**E it Enabled by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enabled, That when any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall prefer a Petition to the General Assembly, for the staying any Suit at Law, or any Execution obtained on a Judgment before given: And the Assembly shall by their Vote, order the said Suit or Execution to be stayed accordingly; that then the Person or Persons so petitioning, shall within ten Days next alter the Rising of such Assembly, where such Vote or Order shall be made or passed, repair to some one Judge of the Court where such Suit or Cause is or was last pending, and shall with one sufficient Surety, recognize before said Judge in such a Sum, as he considering the Nature of such Suit or Execution shall think meet (who is hereby empowered to take and receive the same) that if the Cognizor or Cognizors shall not obtain a Vote of the General Assembly, granting the Prayer of such Petition preferred as aforesaid, that then the said Cognizor or Cognizors will pay the Party aggrieved, by staying such Suit or Execution, all just and due Damage that he, she, or they shall sustain thereby; and if any Person or Persons petitioning as aforesaid, shall neglect so to do, then such Vote or Order of the Assembly for staying such Suit or Execution, shall be void, and of none Effect.

*AND be it further Enabled by the General Assembly of this Colony, and by their Authority, It is Enabled, That when any Person or Persons shall sustain any Damage, by Reason of any Petition exhibited to the General Assembly, concerning which Recognizance is enter'd into as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, to bring a Writ of *Scire facias* on such Recognizance, against such Person or Persons as acknowledged the same; and the Judge before whom the same was taken, shall lodge such Recognizance in the Clerk's Office of said Court, the first or second Day of the next succeeding Term after the same is taken; and the Judges of said Court are hereby empowered to hear the Parties concerning all Matters of Damages, as it is herein before expressed, and on hearing, justly and equitably to determine what Damages the Party or Parties complaining, have or hath sustained, by Reason of the Staying such Suit or Execution, and also to reduce the Sum named in said Recognizance, to just Damage, and award Execution for the same accordingly.*

**W**Heresas *John Hoyle, jun.* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for his Attendance on the General Assembly at their present Session, for Wood, Candles, &c. Which being duly examined, *This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Hoyle, jun.* out of the General Treasury

Whereas

Whereas *Isaac Corey* exhibited to this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Government, for attending on this Assembly three Days, during their present Session: *They therefore Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and it is hereby allowed, and that *Three Pounds*, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Isaac Corey* out of the General Treasury.

*This Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before them unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto their next Session: That the Secretary proclaim in *Newport* by Beat of Drum, all the Acts and Orders now made and past, within *Ten Days* after their Rising, and within *Forty*, send Copies of them to each Town in the Colony according to Law. And that this Assembly be, and it is hereby adjourned to the last *Tuesday* in *February* next.

## GOD Save the KING.

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